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Reserve Funds	11,60,777	8	5

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Bombay, 22nd March, 1918. 3295

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THE MANOCKJI PETIT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of Rs. 125 per SHARE (of Rs. 1,000 fully paid up and free of Income Tax) for the half year ended 31st December, 1917, declared at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders held this day, will be paid on and after MONDAY, the 25th MARCH, 1918, between 12 NOON and 3 P.M. (S. T.), to those Shareholders whose names shall stand on the Register of the Company, on the 19th instant, ON PRODUCTION OF SHARE CERTIFICATES.

By order of the Board,
for the Manockjee Petit Mfg. Co., Ltd.,
D. M. PETIT SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Bombay, 22nd March, 1918. 3316

NOTICE.

THE SIDDELEY ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders held on WEDNESDAY, the 20th March, 1918, a Dividend at the rate of Rs. 9 per share of Rs. 100 each (free from income-tax) for the year ended 31st December, 1917, has been declared payable at the Registered Office of the Company, Arthur Road, Tardeo, on and after MONDAY, the 25th March, 1918, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (S. T.), to shareholders whose names stand on the Company's Register on the 12th March 1918, on production of their Share Certificates.

For the Siddeley Ice Mfg. Co. Ltd.,
BHAPPU BROS.,
3293 Agents and Managers.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "BOMBAY MARU" having arrived from JAPAN via Hongkong, Singapore, Malacca, and Colombo, the CONSIGNEES of her CARGO are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to this Office for countersignature without delay. No survey will be held on cargo damaged or in doubtful condition unless a written application for such survey is received by the undersigned within seven days from the date of discharge. Capt. J. C. Richards of Messrs. Ericson and Richards, Company's Surveyors, will be attending Docks every morning to survey damages. Cargo removed from the Landing Shed or warehoused is not entitled to the survey. No survey will be held on bag cargo is single gunnies. The Bills for CLAIMS are to be sent into this Office within one month from the date of Steamer's arrival otherwise they will not be entertained.

T. KAWAGUCHI
Manager,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Bombay, 22nd March, 1918.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the occupancy right of "KADODIA BET," Jhagadia Taluka of this State, admeasuring about acres 451—15 gunthas, paying an annual assessment of Rs. 3,267-8-0, is to be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, 1918, at 9 a.m., at the Huzur Office, Nandod. Intending purchasers are, therefore, requested to be present at Nandod, on that date. The terms of sale, etc., will be read out to them at the time of the auction.

These Bhatta lands are very rich and grow tobacco and other valuable crops and are annually leased at a high rental.

P. H. DASTUR.
Dewan, Rajpipla State.
Huzur Office,
Nandod, 12th February, 1918.

NOTICE.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES IN BOMBAY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, being desirous of encouraging sanitary housing accommodation for the benefit of the working classes in Bombay, hereby invites competitive designs for types of cottages suitable for occupation by the working classes. A prize of Rs. 1,000 is offered for the best design approved by a Board of Examiners appointed by Government. Or the Board may, if they think fit and the designs merit it, award three prizes of Rs. 500, Rs. 300 and Rs. 200, respectively. The designs must be received by the 30th April, 1918.

Applications for conditions of the competition should be made in writing to The Consulting Surveyor to the Government of Bombay, Poona.

P. R. CADELL,
C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Controller of Prices.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

The subscription list will open on the 20th day of March 1918 and close on or before the 31st day of March 1918.

PROSPECTUS

OF

The Broach Fine Counts Spinning & Weaving Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913.

CAPITAL Rs. 20,00,000

divided into 8,000 Shares of Rs. 250 each.

Of the above Shares, 800 Shares are to be issued and credited as paid up. 5,200 Shares have already been applied for. The remaining 2,000 Shares are now offered for public subscription payable as follows :—

Rs. 25 per share on Application.
Rs. 25 per share on Allotment.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th April 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th May 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th June 1918.
Rs. 50 per share on 15th July 1918.

The shares may be paid up in full on allotment, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum being allowed in respect of the prepayment of instalments.

The right of voting at general meetings is one vote for every share.

DIRECTORS.

SIR SASSOON DAVID, BART., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay.
SIR SHAPOORJI BURJORJI BROACHA, KT., Broker, (of Messrs. Tullockchand and Shapoorji), Apollo Street, Bombay.
D. M. WADIA, ESQ., Merchant, Home Street, Bombay.
HORMASJEE N. VAKEEL, ESQ., Solicitor (of Messrs. Payne & Co.,) Esplanade Road, Bombay.
J. H. DUNKERLEY, ESQ., Merchant, Bank Street, Bombay.
DALSUKHBHAI VADILAL VEERCHAND, ESQ., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay
HUSEINBHOY AHMEDBHOY, ESQ., Merchant, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
THE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

SOLICITORS.

MESSRS. PAYNE & Co.

AUDITORS.

MESSRS. S. B. BILLIMORIA & Co., Esplanade Road, Bombay.

AGENTS.

MESSRS. HUSEINBHOY DALSUKHBHAI & Co.

REGISTERED OFFICE.

ORIENTAL BANK BUILDINGS, 57, MEADOW STREET AND 65, ESPLANADE ROAD, BOMBAY.

The Broach Industrial Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company Limited, which is about the only up-to-date Mills for spinning and weaving fine counts of yarn and cloth and which was erected only about 8 years ago, having gone into Liquidation, though it now appears it will pay not only its creditors in full but Shareholders above par value of their shares, and being wound up under the supervision of the Court, the land, mill buildings and machinery belonging to the Company were put up for sale by public auction and at such sale the same were purchased for Rupees Eighteen Lacs by Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy. This Company has been formed to purchase the said land, buildings and machinery from Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy for the sum of Rupees Twenty Lacs.

Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy has agreed to indemnify the Liquidator of the Company against a certain claim of about Rupees Three Lacs and a quarter which has been made by one Dhirajlal Narbheram Desai, a member of the late Agents of the Company, for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by him by reason of the winding up of the Company in respect of which a suit has been pending in the High Court of Bombay. Mr. Huseinbhoy has also agreed to indemnify the present Company against a futile claim made by one Bai Tulsa, widow of Farasram Tuiram for forfeiture of the Lease of one of the plots of ground on which certain outhouses and godowns appertaining to the said Mills stand. Bai Tulsa threatened to file a suit long ago, but she has not filed one yet.

The assets to be taken over by the Company consist of :—

(a) Four pieces of land of leasehold tenure situate at Changispoora, Broach, near the Railway Station, Broach, admeasuring together 7 acres and 51 Goonthas.
(b) Mill buildings standing thereon with appurtenant buildings and godowns, residences, chawls and store rooms.
(c) Machinery consisting of one engine, boilers and 24,600 spindles and 232 looms.
(d) Machinery accessories etc.

It is believed that the Broach Industrial Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company Limited started working their mills about the end of 1911 and is in good working order. The spindles are capable of producing yarn up to 100 counts and looms are capable of producing cloth of fine and light quality. If about 3,000 spindles of lower counts are introduced and 50 more looms are added, the spindles would be capable of working yarn and cloth of lower counts from the waste which would otherwise be unavailable for production at the Company's mills. It is to be noted that there are very few mills in India furnished with machinery capable of producing the higher counts and lighter quality of cloth as the spindles and the looms in these mills are.

The following contracts will have to be entered into :—

(a) An Agreement to purchase the mill premises and machinery from Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy at the price of Rs. 20 lacs to be paid as follows :—

800 fully paid up shares of the value of Rs. 250 each, and Rs. 18 Lacs in cash.

(b) An Agreement for appointing Messrs. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy and Dalsukhbhai Vadilal Veerchand as the Company's Agents under the name style and firm of Huseinbhoy Dalsukhbhai and Company at the remuneration and for the period mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the Company.

The following are the provisions of Table A of the Indian Companys' Act which at present applies to the Company relative to the share qualification and remuneration of the Directors :—

The qualification of a Director is his holding of 1 share in the Company of the nominal value of Rs. 250 but it is proposed to raise the number to 20 hereafter.

The remuneration of every Director shall be such as shall be determined by the Company from time to time.

No amount has been fixed as the Minimum Subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment.

800 shares will have to be allotted to Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy as fully paid up as part consideration for the sale of the mill premises and machinery and 5,200 shares have been agreed to be taken up. Except as already stated no shares are issued or agreed to be issued otherwise than for cash.

It is proposed to authorise the Company that it may pay as commission for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe for any shares in the Company which shall not exceed 2%.

The prelimainary expenses are estimated at Rs. 15,000.

Mr. Huseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy is interested in the promotion of the Company as vendor as stated above.

A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is printed in the fold of this Prospectus and forms part of it.

Copies of the Memorandum of Association of the Company may be inspected at the office of the Company's Solicitors at any time during office hours.

Applications for shares should be made on the form enclosed and forwarded to the Company's Agents with remittance at the rate of Rs. 25 per share. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and when the number of shares alloted is less than the number applied for the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the remining payments.

Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the office of the Company at Oriental Bank Buildings, Esplanade Road or from the Company's Solicitors.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Dated this 18th day of March 1918.

SASSOON DAVID.
S. B. BROACHA.
D. M. WADIA.
HORMASJEE N. VAKEEL.
J. H. DUNKERLEY.
DALSUKHBHAI VADILAL VEERCHAND.
HUSEINBHOY AHMEDBHOY.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

BOMBAY REGISTER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1st day of April, 1918, to the 15th day of April, 1918, both days inclusive for preparation of warrants for the Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1917 payable to shareholders registered on the 1st day of April 1918.

By Order of the Board,
P. D. MAHALUXMIVALA,
Secretary.

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INDIAN MUNITIONS BOARD,

COMMUNIQUE.

ORDERS REGARDING FLAX CANVAS.

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS under the Defence of India Rules appear in the *Gazette of India*, dated March 23rd, 1918.

No. 134-J (i).—Whereas the Governor-General in Council is of the opinion that the article specified below can be utilised in connexion with the prosecution of the present war, namely, flax canvas, free from jute, both proofed and unproofed.

Now, therefore, the Governor-General in Council in the exercise of the power conferred by rule 11 A., of the Defence of India (Consolidation) Rules, 1915, as amended, hereby requires all persons who, in the course of business, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of others, hold or have control over any such flax canvas to send to the Controller (Jute Manufactures), Indian Munitions Board, 7, Council House Street, Calcutta, the following particulars of such flax canvas, namely :—

(a) description as regards quality and widths and whether proofed or unproofed;
(b) quantity of each description;
(c) the place or places at which held;
(d) the price (if known) at which the owner or person entitled to sell it is willing to sell by agreement.

No. 134-J. (ii)—The Governor-General in Council in the exercise of the power conferred by rule 11 G., of the Defence of India (Consolidation) Rules, 1915, as amended, hereby, and with effect from this date, prohibits the sale or delivery of, or other dealing in, flax canvas, free from jute, proofed and unproofed, by any person, otherwise than in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the Controller (Jute Manufactures) of 7, Council House Street, Calcutta.

T. RYAN,
Secretary, Indian Munitions Board.
Delhi, 23rd March, 1918. 3319

THE AKOLA & MID INDIA SPINNING WEAVING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders held on the 22nd March, 1918, a dividend at the rate of Rs. 6 per share for the year ended 31st December 1917 has been declared payable on and after the 8th April 1918, in the Company's registered office, between the hours of 12 noon and 3-30 p.m. (excepting Saturdays when it will be paid between 12 noon and 1-30 p.m.) to those shareholders whose names appear on the register of the Company upto the evening of 12th March 1918.

Dividend Warrants will be issued on production of Share Certificates at the Company's office in Canada Building, (entrance from Home Street) Fort Bombay.

By Order of the Board,
TRICUMJEE WADIA & Co.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Canada Building, Fort.
Bombay, 22nd March, 1918. 3322

THE EXCHANGE BANKS, BOMBAY.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY the 28th, 29th and 30th instant and MONDAY, the 1st proximo, being Public Holidays the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED in accordance with the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

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THE TATA INDUSTRIAL BANK, LIMITED, BOMBAY.

THE BANK will commence business at its temporary premises in Wallace Street, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, 2nd April, 1918.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAYALJI JETHA, ANDARJI DAYALJI, DULABHJI ANDARJI, MANILAL ANDARJI, KESHAVLAL ANDARJI and the other sons of Andarji Dayalji and Bhagwandas Dayalji and his son, Chunilal Bhagwandas, have had no share or interest of any kind whatsoever in the firm and business of Moti Jetha or the firm of Moti Jetha and Co., Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents of the Sir Waghji Wadhwan Camp Manufacturing Co., Ltd., as from Aso Sud 3rd, Samvat 1972. The public are therefore warned against dealing with the said Dayalji Jetha, Andarji Dayalji and his sons and Bhagwandas Dayalji and his son, in connection with the business and dealings of the said firms of Moti Jetha and Moti Jetha and Co., and if any person or persons has or have any dealings with the persons abovenamed or any of them in connection with the business of the said two firms or either of them they will do so at their own risk.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1918.

BHAISHANKER KANGA & GIRDHARLAL,
Attorneys for the firms of
Moti Jetha and Moti Jetha & Co.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOOSUB HAJI EBRAHIM, of Bombay, Mahomedan inhabitant as the sole heir and next-of-kin of MAKIBAI, widow of Ismail Shaikha has contracted to sell the property hereunder described to Messrs. MAHOMED HASSAN MAKBA, HAJI SULLEMAN ABDUL WAHED, and SAYEED GULAM MAHOMED RAFAIE, the Trustees of the Pir Makhdum Saheb Charities.

All persons having any claim to or against the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, lease, lien, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office No. 44, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari land situate in Durgah Street Mahim on the West side of Pir Makhdum Saheb's Durgah, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement about 200 square yards assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rate and Taxes under Ward Nos. 5269, and 5270 and Street Nos. 9 and 10 and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue along with other land under New Survey No. 47 and bounded on the North and East by land belonging to the said Durgah, on the South by the property of Fatmabai Rogay and on the West by the property of Abdool Gafoor Vasaiger.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1918.

F. P. PAVRI,
Purchasers' Attorney.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

INTENDED LEASE OF THE RAJA BAHADUR MOTILAL POONA MILLS AT POONA.

NOTICE.

PRIVATE OFFERS are invited by R. D. SETHNA, Esquire, the Receiver appointed by the High Court in Suits No. 678 of 1917 and No. 688 of 1917 for the lease of the Mills and premises known as Raja Bahadur Motilal Poona Mills, Poona, for the purpose of working of the Mills. Every person desiring to take the lease of the said premises is required to fill in and sign with his name and address the form of tender attached to the particulars and conditions of sale copy whereof can be obtained on payment of Rs. 2 from the Receiver at his office at No. 57, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, or from the undersigned at 14 K, Hummum Street, Fort Bombay.

The tender must be sealed and accompanied by a deposit (which deposit shall be returned, if the tender is not accepted), as provided by the Conditions and must be submitted to the said Receiver on or before the 5th day of April, 1918.

The Receiver does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

Dated the 20th day of March, 1918.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Attorneys for the abovenamed Receiver.

INTENDED LEASE OF THE RAJA BAHADUR MOTILAL PITTY MILLS AT BOMBAY

NOTICE.

PRIVATE OFFERS are invited by R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Receiver appointed by the High Court in suits No. 678 of 1917 and No. 688 of 1917 for the lease of the Mills and premises known as Raja Bahadur Motilal Pitty Mills Bombay, for the purpose of working of the Mills. Every person desiring to take the lease of the said premises is required to fill in and sign with his name and address the form of tender attached to the Particulars and Conditions of Lease copy whereof can be obtained on payment of Rs. 2 from the Receiver at his office at No. 57, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, or from the undersigned at 14K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay.

The tender must be sealed and accompanied by a deposit (which deposit will be returned if the tender is not accepted), as provided by the Conditions and must be submitted to the said Receiver on or before the 5th day of April 1918.

The Receiver does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1918.

MERWANJI KOLA & Co.,
Attorneys for the abovenamed Receiver.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai HAMABAI FRAMJI PETIT and Sir DINSHAW MANEKJI PETIT, Trustees of the estate of the late Bai Awabai Framji Petit of Bombay Parsi inhabitants have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our office at No. 9, Bell Lane, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All those two pieces or parcels of Foras land or ground and marked as plot Nos. 8 and 9 respectively situate, lying and being at Foras Road, in the Town and Island of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 300 and 454 square yards or thereabouts and forming part of a larger piece of land the property of the vendors which whole piece of land is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 33, 55, 401, 415, 408, 409, 450, 433 and 449, New Nos. 13533, 13535, 13906, 13909, 13914, 13944, and 13955, Old Survey Nos. 174, 176, 177, 132, 175, 173, A/131 and 132 and New Survey No. 6984 and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 4773, E2948 (1), 4774, E2948 (2) and Street No. 136-136A and which said premises are bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the North by the Foras Road, on or towards the South by the vendors' land, on or towards the West by the properties of the vendors and of Nawab Syed Mahomed Narul Hassan Khan and of Khan Bahadur Hormusji M. Bhimadiwala and Bai Rehmatbai Jakaria Haji Ahmed Patel and on or towards the east by a forty feet private Road of the vendors.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
Dated this 20th day of March, 1918. 3294

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai MEHERBAI, widow of BOMANJI EDULJI CASSINATH, MEHERJIBHOY BOMANJI CASSINATH, JIVAJI DINSHAW GANDHY and BOMANJI SORABJEE JAMSHETJI, the Executors of the Will and Codicil thereto of BOMANJI EDULJI CASSINATH deceased, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said properties or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, trust, mortgage, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us at our Office No. 50, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

PARTICULARS.

ALL those three pieces or parcels of Land or Ground of quit and ground rent tenure, situate at Khetwady 7 and 8 Lanes in the City of Bombay together with three messuages tenements or dwelling-houses and one stable standing thereon containing together by admeasurement 2335 square yards or thereabouts and situated within the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 2155, 2156-2156 to 2159-2162—1996-2162, 2163 to 2167 New No. 9244 A/9128 9253, Old Survey Nos. 782 to 786-790, 788-789, 791-791 to 793, 793-793, New Survey Nos. 5469, A/5472 5473 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Taxes under D Ward Nos. 1869 (2), 1979 (1), (2), 1980 to 1983-1988 (1 and 2) Street Nos. 3, Khetwadi Main Road 6.6A., 8-10-1.1A2 and 14 and 16. Khetwadi 7 Lane and 5 and 5A., Khetwadi 8 Lane and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the North by the Property of Cursetji Bomanji and Pallonji Edulji Plumber, on or towards the South by the Property of Piroji Fakir Malee and others on or towards the West by the Khetwadi 8 Lane, and on or towards the East by the Khetwadi 7 Lane.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1918.

THOMAS FERREIRA,
for Messrs. BHIMJI & Co,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

IN INSOLVENCY.
No. 128 OF 1917.

RE JUGONNATH WASUDEO PILGAOKAR, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Girgaum, Proprietor, Soundy and Co., dealers in musical instruments, etc. an Insolvent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed Insolvent has applied to the Court for his discharge and that the Court has fixed the 3rd September, 1918, at 11-30 o'clock in the forenoon for hearing the application.

Dated, this 22nd day of March, 1918.

R. B. PATEL,
Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk's Office, High Court, Fort,
Bombay, the 22nd March, 1918.
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SALE BY AUCTION.

J. S. MODY & CO.

29, APOLO STREET, FORT.
Telephone No. 3409.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OLD CHINAWARE, ANTIQUE CURIOS, RICH GARDEN PLANTS, ETC.

Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction TO-MORROW, SUNDAY, the 24th day of March, 1918, at 2 p.m., (S. T.), in the residential bungalow of the School of Arts Hornby Road (near the Crawford Market and opposite Sitaram Buildings) very valuable household furniture, etc., comprising, dining table, chairs, sideboard, dinner waggons, meat safes, glass and crockeryware, Chesterfield sofas and easy chairs, teapoys, cabinets, book cases, writing tables, set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, valuable books, old blue chinaware, antique curios, bedsteads, almyrahs, clothes and gown presses, dressing and washhand tables, valuable garden plants such as crotons ferns, palms, maiden hair ferns, chrysanthemums, etc., etc.

The property of Cecil L. Burns, Esq. Principal School of Arts and S. D. Smith, Esq., J. P. Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Excise Central Division Bombay, leaving Bombay.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

J. S. MODY & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

MESSRS. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
21, Medows Street.

SALE OF A LARGE BUILDING PLOT AT VERSOWA, NEAR ANDHERI, ON B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY LINE.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will, by order of the widow and Administratrix of the Estate of the late Mr. Moledina Lalji deceased, sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, SUNDAY, the 24th day of March 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises the undermentioned property :—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground admeasuring 10016 8/9 square yards or thereabouts, situate at Versova in Salsette Taluka of Thana District, bearing Survey No. 48 and Pot No. 1, and bounded on the East by public passage, on the West by public road, on the North by the property of Cassum Jan Mohomed and on the South by the property of Cassum Jan Mahomed.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the Undersigned, where the title deeds can be inspected before the days of sale.

N. B.—The land is situate just close to the bungalow of the late Mr. Manker.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

MESSRS. MEHTA & CO

Auctioneers to the Government and G. I. P. Railway.
No. 25, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Telephone No. 1285.

TO MILLS, DYERS AND COLOUR MERCHANTS.

AUCTION SALE
of
50 lbs. Metamtraniline Orange Ship Brand 1 lb. tin original packing.
185 lbs. Alpha Naphtylamine Salt in powder 1 lb. tin original packing.
100 lbs. Alpha Naphtylamine Salt.
28 lbs. Alizerine Orange Powder Badishi original packing.

On
WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), at Messrs. MEHTA & Co.'s Auction Rooms at Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Samples on view.

AUCTION SALE OS 17 PACKAGES ENGLISH GREY SHIRTINGS, 3 PACKAGES WHITE MULLS AND 2 PACKAGES WHITE NENSOOKHS.

THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 23rd instant at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of :—

SETH NAGERDAS MANILAL.
17 packages each about 70 pieces English Grey Shirtings No. 9211 to 9214 37½ to 38 yards.

SETH KUNDANMAL RAMLAL OF SETH RAMDAS CHARANDAS.
5 packages each about 150 pieces white Mulls No. 55576 or others and 20 yards.
2 packages each about 150 pieces white Nensooks No. 2081 or others and 18 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 101 BORAS RAM PATRI.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 23rd inst. at 2 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction by order of Thucker Keshavji Ramdas Kharawalla at the Godown of Sha Parmanand Morarji at Vadgadi, and on account and at the risk of Broker Thucker Devji Kanji and Co. and Sha Padamsey Jethabhai :

101 Boras Ram Patri.

AUCTION SALE OF 8 BALES WHITE NENSOOKHS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 23rd inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street, Fort, by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Thucker Bhagwandas Gordhandas :—

2 bales each 150 pieces white Nensookhs No. 734 to 934 or others and 18 yards.
6 bales each 150 pieces white Nensookhs No. 734 to 934 or others and 18 yards.

MEHTA & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD & CO'S SALES.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AND LAND IN ARAB LANE, GRANT ROAD, NEAR MR. JASSAWALA'S BUNGALOW.

Under instruction from Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., Attorneys for Mr. Ahmed Joonas Haji Abdul Rehman, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW SUNDAY, the 24th March, 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) the following landed property on the premises:—

PARTICULARS:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house or chawl or range of buildings, situate on the Western side of Grant Road Cross Lane, or Grant Road No. 1 (Arab Lane), in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, admeasuring 721-1-9 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 47 and Survey No. 6959, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E. Ward No. 2476, Street No. 8-10, Street Falkland Road, and bounded on the East by the aforesaid Grant Road Cross Lane on the west by the Salt Batty ground of the charitable temple belonging to Ramrutton Sakharam, on the North by the property of Lallji Khimji, and on the south by the property of Ruttonji Maneckji.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., Attorneys for the owner at their Office, No. 123 Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

N.B.—Private offers will be received by Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., or the Undersigned.

On MONDAY, the 25th March, 1918, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, No. 16, Apollo Street, opposite the Government Dockyard, and next to the Great Western Hotel Fort, horses, carriages and bicycles at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), and new designed furniture and sundry articles at 3 p.m. (S.T.)

Furniture such as blackwood, rich carved especially made to order, drawing room suites of sofas and chairs, panel door, almyrahs, cupboards, chairs, fancy teapoys, writing tables, glassware, etc.

By order of the office concerned and on account and risk of London agent:—
6 casks dry lime green colour.
By order of the Manufacturers:—
About 1080 horse hair brushes.

AT 2-30 P.M.
1 rubber-tyred glass-fronted miniature office brougham and 1 office shigram.
1 rubber tyred handsome victoria.
1 Arab horse.
Second-hand bicycles.
The property of a Bora gentleman:—
1 panchkalyan Arab horse.

CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

BENNETT & CO.
NO. 29, APOLLO STREET.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY for Investors and Gentlemen desirous of putting up good residential or other buildings for motor workshops or other business purposes in a healthy locality near the Grant Road Station affording Train and Tram conveniences.

Auction sale of very valuable large vacant piece of land (93 feet in frontage and 500 feet in depth) with shops standing thereon facing the public road at Gowalia Tank Road opposite the Tanker Ville property.

Under instructions from the owner Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by public auction the property hereinafter described TO-MORROW SUNDAY, the 24th day of March, 1918, at 4-30 p.m., (S. T.), on the premises.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Pension and Tax Tenure (partly redeemed) with the shops standing thereon abutting on the public road situate, lying and being at Gowalia Tank Road, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 4,944 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 662, New Nos. 3002 and B/3002, Old Survey No. 53 and New Survey Nos. 1/7055, 2/7055, 3/7055, 4/7055 and 5/7055, and assessed in the books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 3378 (1)—(2), 3378 (3), 3378 (3a), 3378 (4), 3378 (5), and Street Nos. 33, 35, 35A, 35B, 35BB, 35C, 35D, and bounded on the East by the property of Kaikhasru Mancherji Adenwalla on the West by the property of L. P. D'Souza and Sons on the North by the property known as "Shastri Hall" and on the South by the Gowalia Tank Road and which said premises are in the occupation of the owner and his tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., at 123 Esplanade Road within the Fort or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.,

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

GANDHI & CO
AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS
No. 52 Medows Street.

SALE TO-DAY AT 2-30 P. M. (S.T.)
AUCTION SALE of teak and blackwood household and office furniture safe, fancy baby shoes, motor cycles etc., etc.

Messrs. GANDHI & Co. Auctioneers will sell by public auction THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 23rd March, 1918 at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at their rooms No. 52, Medows Street, Fort, household and office teak and blackwood furniture including, dining table, fancy tapestry lined drawing-room suites of sofas and chairs, marble top table, single and double glass and panel door cupboards, office writing tables, armed and armless chairs, dumb waiters, tiled and plain teapoys, easy chairs, etc.

By order of a private gentleman.
1 complete tapestry lined drawing room suite of sofas and chairs in 10 pieces, 1 glass and paneldoor cupboard, single and double iron cots, office clock, Sahranpur teapoys, etc.

By order of the office concerned.
1 office writing table, chairs, office glass door cupboard, revolving book case, bookrack etc.

By order of the office concerned.
3 cases babies' fancy shoes.

At 3-30 P.M., (S. T.)
Property of a private gentleman.
1 second hand motor cycle, Indian, 4½ H. P. 3 speed thoroughly overhauled, in perfect running order.
1 second-hand motor cycle, New Hudson, 3 H. P. 3 speed thoroughly overhauled, in perfect running order
1 lady's cycle.

GANDHI & Co.
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 23rd March, 1918.

Oldest Rubber Stamp Mfg. House.

P. P. RELE & SONS,
179, KALBADEVI ROAD,
BOMBAY.

COMMERCIAL

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

Liverpool, Mar 20th.

	Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool	5,000
" " Sales on Spec. & for Exp.	—
" " Sales of East Indian	—
" " Imports	27,000
Mid. Americans spot trading value	24.05
Egyptain F.G.F. spot	31.32
New York 11 a.m., (As known in Liverpool at closing time) — { May 32.42 / July 31.79	
New Orleans 10 a.m. — { May 31.32 / July 30.64	

CLOSING PRICES.

Liverpool, Mar. 20th.

New Contracts:

Months:	To-day's prices
March	24.47
April	24.44
May	24.35
June	24.25
July	24.14

Old Contracts:

Months.	To-day's price.
March	22.90
March-April	22.81
April-May	22.73
May-June.	22.65
June-July.	22.57

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Mar. 20th.

New Contracts.

Months:	To day's price.
March	31.20
May	31.20
July	30.95

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, Mar. 20th.

Mid. Bengal Good	17.18
" " Fully Good	17.68
" " Fine	18.05
No 1 Oomra Good	19.94
" " " Fully Good	19.44
" " " Fine	19.81
Broach Good	21.85
" Fully Good	22.10
" Fine	22.35
Scinde Good	17.18
" Fully Good	17.68
" Fine	18.05

COUNCIL BILLS.

London, Wednesday, Mar. 20th.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 60 00,000:—

Telegraphic Transfers:—Immediate:

Rs.					Rs.
41,000	were alloted to Calcutta				41,000
Nil	" " "	to Bombay			
Nil	" " "	to Madras			
Tenders on Calcutta	at 1.5.				
" Bombay		Calcutta	27%	above that rate in full.	
Min Rate Received		Bombay			

Telegraphic Transfers:—Deferred:

Rs.			Rs.
15 46,000	were allotted to Calcutta		59,59,000
37,59,000	" "	to Bombay	
6,54,000	" "	to Madras	
Tenders on Calcutta	at 1/4 29/32.		
" Bombay		Calcutta	above that rate in full
Min Rate Received		Bombay	27%

Total Amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening including last Public Sale	60,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week	60,00,000

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Mar. 19th

Day's Receipts at all U. S Ports	22,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain	Nil
" " to Continent	Nil
Futures at New York May	32 43
" " July	31.78
Spot Cotton at New York	34.30
" at New Orleans	33.13
Futures at New Orleans May	31.26
" July	30.84
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	9
Dom. Bills	4.75.30
Sterl. Commercial Bars	87½

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.

The United States Census Bureau States that the total cotton crop is 11,286,000 bales.

MONEY MARKETS.

London, Mar. 20th.

Bar Silver Spot	43 3/4
Closing Tone of Silver:—Advanced owing to very small offerings firm.	
Discount Bank of England Rate 5 per cent; since 5th April, 1917.	
Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st	3 5/8
" Indian Bank Bills 6 m/st.	3 9/16
" Fine Trade Bills 3 months	3 1/4
" " 6 "	4 5/8
Interest day to day loans	3
" 7 day market loans	3 1/4
Consols 2½%	54½
Rupee Paper 3½% Nominal	46½
Indian Stock 5% Sterling Loan	63
Government Securities 3%	54
Ex. On London at Paris Francs	27 21

WAR LOANS.

London, Mar. 20th.

3½% 1925—1928	86½
4½% 1925—1945	ex-div.
5% New	£93¾

SILVER AND BAR MARKETS.

London, Mar. 20th.

RAPESEED:	
Rapeseed Ferozepore usual Bold Afloat Value	590
Toria Rapeseed Afloat	600
LINSEED:	
Linseed Calcutta Value	695
METALS.	
Eaglish best Selected Copper	£121
Standard Copper G. M. B. Nominal	£110½
Hard Spelter Nominal	—
JAVA SUGAR.	
Raw Java Nos 16/18 C. & F. Calcutta Mar.-April.	19
Fine White Java C. & F Calcutta Mar.-April,	19
RUBBER.	
Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure Mar.-Apl. Value	2/8½
Plantation First Latex Crepe Mar Quiet ..	2/8½

BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

Mar. 22.

During the past week there has been a fairly sharp advance in the Home markets. Reports of preparation for the New Crop in America are not satisfactory, there being a scarcity of labour, fertilizers, mules, etc. The final ginners' report of the present season received to-day gives the total number of bales ginned as 11,231,000, exclusive of linters. This points to a crop of about 12,300,000 bales including linters, which is more than anticipated. The report appears to have caused a check to the above advance but so far the decline has only been a few points.

The present position of the local market is most unsatisfactory. The general opinion in the market immediately after the meeting held on Wednesday last was to abide by the resolution passed at the meeting until the result of the further meeting to be held to-morrow (Saturday) would be known. This practically meant that business would be suspended. It was found, however, that some operators in the bazaar ignored the resolution, and continued to do business in Good Broach at prices varying from Rs. 717 to Rs. 730. Some Commission houses, (who were abiding by the resolution) found that the interests of their constituents were vitiated by their remaining out of what had become in reality an open market, and they consequently recommenced business. Others have adhered to their original decision. As we have said above the position is now most unsatisfactory, and it is to be hoped that at to-morrow's meeting a final decision, one way or the other, will be arrived at. It is absurd that things should remain as they are.

Since writing the above further meetings have been held, and it has been decided to close the cotton market until further notice for all business "both ready and forward."

Exports of cotton by rail from Bombay.

G. I. P. Railway from 1st September 1917 to 2nd March 1918, 26,630 bales.

B. B. & C. I. Railway from 1st September 1917 to 9th March, 1918, 31,527.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

Receipts of various growths of Cotton at Bombay compared with the corresponding periods in the previous season:—

Growths:	For week ending 21st Mar.	Total to date since September 1st. *1917.	1916.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales
Khandesh	1,862	159,337	211,865
Central India	3 303	46,837	89,944
Barsee and Nuggur	464	53,611	61 273
Hyderabad Gaorani	Nil	21,547	31,476
Berar	5,771	216,660	312,553
Central Provinces	734	45,792	76,248
Total Oomras	12,234	537,774	783,410
Dhollera	937	30,588	114,937
Broach	7,696	11,165	26,975
Compta and Dharwar	622	61,483	23,110
Western-Northerns	224	57,306	15,269
Bengals { N.W.Province	980	119,868	254,946
Bengals { Rajputana	6,238	26,104	101,814
Sind, Punjab	3,186	100,860	212,657
Cocanada	2	9,864	9,847
Persian	Nil	10	102
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	Nil	12,635	6,276
American	Nil	Nil	8
Egyptian	Nil	Nil	184
Other sorts	Nil	3,834	7,468
Total	32,243	971,391	1,576,668

* These figures do not include the arrivals by sea since 16th November 1917.

RECRIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce etc. for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. of 21st March 1918:

Cotton	3,097 bales.
Wheat	15 996 cwts.
Linseed	232 "
Rape & Co...	224 "
Gingelly Seed	Nil
Poppyseed	Nil
Groundnuts	164 "
Castorseed	5,123 "
Rice	5,012 "
Myrabolams	Nil
Cottonseed	Nil
Mowrassed	Nil
Gram	1,911 "
Jowri	Nil
Maize	180 "
Ba ley	712 "

MONEY AND SHARE MARKETS.

BULLION.

The silver market is firm following the rise in the London Market.

Bar Gold has been steady and soverigns moved between Rs. 16/2 to Rs. 16/6.

Bar Gold 26-12.
Sovereign 16-5.
Silver Ready Ex-duty 103-10.
Silver 1st. Sett. 103-15.

EXCHANGE.

Exchange is unchanged. The tone of the market is firm and full cover is required for negotiating bills of national importance. It is gratifying to report that the Government of India have prohibited export of pearls from British India and it is generally believed that this will relieve exchange situation to a certain extent. It is advisable that the Government should also intervene and prohibit export of Roubles also from this country, as it is reported that a good amount of cover is being used up in getting back the proceeds of Roubles' sale in London.

Bank Tel. Transfer 1/4 31/32.
Bank demand draft 1/5 1/32.
3 months sight credits 1/5 13/32.
Bank demand on France Fr. 192.
3 Months sight Francs Fr. 198½.
D. D. on Hongkong Rs. 213.
D. D. on Shanghai Rs. 303½.
T. T. on Japan Rs. 149½.
60 days sight Japan Rs. 144½.
Bank demand on New York Rs. 297.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates:—
5 per cent. War Loan 1929-47.
Ex-warrant 93-12.
5½ per cent War Bonds 1920-1922, 99.
4 per cent. Conversion loan 80.
4 per cent, Terminable loan 93.
3½ per cent Paper 67.
4½ per cent. Port Trust long dated due 1926, 88.
4 per cent. Port Trust long dated 76.
4 per cent. Municipal long dated 76.
4 per cent Municipal short dated 78.
4 per cent Bombay City Improvement Trust long dated 78.
5 per cent. Municipal Tansa 93.
5 per cent Municipal Sanitary 93.

The following are the Bank rates:—
Bank of Bombay 6 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 6 per cent.
Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

The market has again for the second week been devoid of any incident of interest or importance, with business on the quiet side and rates practically much the same as those witnessed during the preceding week. The Bulls and Bears seem to be almost equally divided and all bear sales have been rapidly absorbed without resulting in any special setback in values. There is no doubt that the short interest has been steadily on the increase and this, in itself is sufficient to give a flip to the Market on the approach of the settlement, when an adjustment of these transactions takes place.

The market still continues to be flooded with various rumours either local or foreign, shaking confidence and deterring investors and Jobbers from entering into any important commitment. The sentiment, however, appears to be gaining ground that, all things considered, values have almost reached bottom and that the next change ought to be for the better, especially having regard to the position of the values of most of the scrips which now carry dividends and which ought to appeal to investors immediately they are quoted ex-dividend.

The following are the closing rates of the Bombay stock exchange:—

Standars 2,115, Swadeshis 2,170, New Greats 352-8, Madhavjis 2,470, Luxmi Cottons 1,700, Kohinoors 1,462/8, Kasturchand 1,235, Ind. Bleechings 207-8, Finlays 432/8, Currimbhoys 425, Crescents 275, Colabas 1,430, Centurys 460, Nagpurs 2,625, Advances 1,260, Katni Ordy. 258-12, Tata Ordy. 255, Tatal Old Deferreds 1,127-8, Tata Hydros 1,230, Alcocks 987-8.

The following are the closing rates of the New Stock exchange:—

Simplexs 840, Shapurjis 140, Morárjis 3,000, Luxmi Cottons 1,710, Ind. Bleechings 210, Davids 632-8, Currimbhoys 427-8, Crescent 276-4, Nagpurs 2,627-8, Ind. Cement 340 Katni Ordy. 257-8, Tata Old Deferred 1,125, Tata New Deferreds 397-8.

FINANCE.

Conditions in the money market were almost the same as in the preceding weeks. It is gratifying to report that the total sale of Treasury bills amounts to Rs. 40,37,95,000. The Bank of Bombay cash balance is up by Rs. 30,94,000.

CURRENT BANK RATES.

England	5	per cent, Apr. 5, 1917
France	5	per cent, Aug. 20, 1914
Germany	5	per cent, Dec. 23, 1914
Russia	6	per cent, July 28, 1914
Italy	5	per cent, June 1, 1916
Netherlands	4½	per cent, July 1, 1915
Belgium	5	per cent, Aug. 20, 1914
Austria-Hungary	5	per cent, April 10, 1915
Sweden	5½	per cent, Jan. 5, 1915
Spain	4½	per cent, Oct. 28, 1914
India { Bombay	6	per cent, Dec. 6, 1917
India { Bengal (Calcutta)	7	per cent, Jan. 17, 1918
India { Madras	6	per cent, Sept. 4, 1917

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

(*Delayed in transmission.*)

CALCUTTA, Mar. 21.

Quite a brisk business reported in jute mill shares which ruled fully steady with a fair amount of inquiry—Lansdowne Delta and Auckland all showed an improvement. Coal shares were not in much demand but the small business that was put through was done at steady rates. The miscellaneous section was well supported, Dalhousie, Dalbhoom golds were in strong demand and advanced to Rs. 20/4. Indian Iron and Steel were steady at Rs. 6/ and at 7/ premium, Titaghur Paper advanced to Rs. 340 with buyers over. Stock exchange will be closed from evening of 26th March to the morning of 2nd April. The following are the closing quotations:—

Coal:—Bengal Bhatdee 11, Burrakur 45/12, Gopalichuck 10/4, Jumoni 12, Kasta 2/12, New Manbhoom 21, Standard 43.

Jute:—Anglo-Indian ord 277, Alliance ord 613, Auckland ord 405, Bally ord 226/8, Budge Budge ord 675, Caledonian ord 503, Clive ord 260, Dalhousie ord 655, Delta ord 681, Empire ord 62, Fort William 360, Gourepore ord 930, Gondalpara ord 975, Howrah ord 50/12, Kamarhatty ord 660, Kanknarrah ord 785, Khardah ord 485, Lawrence ord 577, Lansdowne ord 382, Naihati ord 565, National ord 440, Northbrook ord 57/8, New Central 685, Reliance ord 47, Standard ord 645, Waverley 9/8.

Miscellaneous:—Assam Saw Mills 21/4, Bengal Brass 31/8, Bengal Flour ord 55, Behar Oil 37/4, Cossipur Cotton Ginning 42/12, Dalbhoom Gold 20/4 Great Eastern Hotel 151, Indian Galvanising 5/4 p. Indian Iron and Steel 7p, Kumardhubi Engineering 54, Midnapore Zemindari 203, Reliance Firebrick Pottery 18/4, Surma Valley Saw Mills 19/12, Titaghur Paper ord 348.

Government paper three and a half per cent. was quoted at Rs. 67/8 to 67/12 and small lots at Rs. 68 to 68/4.

PIECE-GOODS.

The Cloth Market has presented a firmer tone during the past week, and values of several standard cloths have again taken an upward course. The talk about the expected restriction of a rise in cloth prices through Government control has had no effect on the market, as dealers firmly believe that this problem is too difficult for anyone to handle, and that at any rate Manchester piece-goods will not be subjected to any such control, inasmuch as values ruling here are far below those required on the other side for replacements. Although speculation had been responsible for the rapid rise in prices here, at present the market has been generally governed by the law of supply and demand. It is evident that the increases have been established in those cloths that are in short supply and fresh shipments of which are not expected to arrive in the near future. Usually a month before the *Holi* holidays the demand is not experienced, but at present there has been a fair demand from some of the consuming districts and it is hoped that after a week when the season for buying will commence, the market will improve further. Upcountry markets are said to be bare of stocks and buyers may be forced to replenish their stocks, just to keep their trade going. Of course the question of high prices will no doubt curtail the consumption, but to what extent, remains to be seen and will depend on individual needs. Fresh business with Manchester is very difficult to negotiate, but it is reported that a well-known English firm, who had cheap purchases on hand, has sold this week a fair quantity from recent arrivals to a dealer in the bazaar at good rates but below the replacing costs

The position of prints has improved and several parcels have changed hands in the bazaar.

GREYS.

There has been some better feeling in Grey Shirtings and Jaconets of Manchester make. 45 inches Red End shirtings command a good deal of attention and fetch high rates 41 inches by 37, 38 yards shirtings have advanced by eight annas per piece, and Dewhurst's Shirtings have also shewn a fair improvement. An English firm has sold from previous own account purchases, about 125 bales of 33 inches and 53 inches Red End Shirtings at the equivalent of Rs. 9-8-0 and Rs. 20 per piece Free Bombay Harbour and 45 inches Gold End Shirtings at the equivalent of Rs. 17-10 F. B. H. and some more goods are said to be lying with this firm, for which higher rates are required. Grey Jaconets have advanced by two to three annas per piece owing to better retail inquiry. Grey Mulls and Drills have hardly shewn any change.

Local Mill Cloths and Japanese goods have remained quiet, the demand being absent, a fair quantity of Dhooties is reported to have been sold by a Local Mill at over Rs. 1-12 per lb. for forward delivery some lines of Red Shirtings have also been booked at high rates.

WHITES.

The position of White goods has been getting stronger day by day. Several cloths are scarce and prices have been put up by the sellers who hold small quantity. Wide width mulls in 54 and 60 inches shew an improvement of one rupee per piece. 40, 45 and 50 inches by 18 yards mulls under Blue heading worth Rs. 6-4 per piece have been in better request for Delhi and Cawnpore. 48 inches by 18 yards Nainsooks have also been sold for the same markets. Fine White mulls of a special style worth over Rs. 9 per piece are out of stock. Low quality green end mulls have been sold for Aden at higher rates, Jaconets of the same value are light in stock. On the other hand 27 inches by 18 yards 16 by 13 to 16 by 15 Nainsooks are in ample supply. 39 inches by 20 yards Gold End Mulls fetch good value. White Shirtings have remained firm with an upward tendency. Some ready parcels of narrow width ranges of Nainsooks have been sold by a leading firm at about six annas per piece above the bazaar rates.

The quotations for the leading chops of Greys and Whites are as under:—

	Ins.	Yds.	Rs. a. p.
Grey Shirtings—			
Ralli's Fari No. 2000	39 × 37½/8	—	16 0 0
" " 100000	45 × 37½/8	—	18 8 0
Fleming's No. 1905	48 × 38	—	—
Bates' No. 12838	41 × 37½/8	—	—
Dewhurst's Rufree" No. 5	39 × 38½	—	15 8 0
" "B.B.B."	38 × 36½	—	13 0 0
Grey Jaconets.—			
Ralli's No 18	45 × 22	—	9 4 0
Grey Drills—			
Pepperell "Dragon"	29 × 40	—	24 0 0
Ralli's Musjid, No. 425	26 × 36	—	16 12 0
White Shirtings—			
Liepman's No. 1500	32 × 42	— 1	25 0 0
H. B. T. C. 40000	36 × 40	—	28 4 0
White Nainsooks—			
Ralli's Nos. 7070/9090	27 × 18	—	4 8 0
" No. 1909	27 × 18	—	3 9 0
" No. 39420 T. B.	34 × 22	—	8 13 0
Graham's Nos. 33/8888	28 × 18	—	4 12 0
" 50000	34 × 18	—	6 7 0
Greaves' No. 8000 T. B.	36 × 22	—	— —
Ritchie's 3500/4510-5520	28 × 18	—	4 0 0
White Mulls—			
Ralli's No. 6	41 × 18	—	9 4 0
" " 60	46 × 18	—	9 12 0
" " 600	51 × 18	—	11 4 0
" " 6000	56 × 18	—	12 8 0
" " 88	58 × 20	—	9 10 0
" " 818	38 × 20	—	8 0 0
Ritchie's No. 975	50 × 18	—	8 0 0
" " 615	50 × 18	—	8 0 0
" " 66999	40 × 18	—	5 7 0
" " 1260	27 × 18	—	3 4 0
Greaves' No. 5060	37 × 18	—	3 10 0
Graham's No. 142	34 × 19	—	8 10 0

JAPANESE CLOTHS.

The following are the prices ruling in the bazaar for well-known Japanese Cloths:—

	Ins.	Yds.	Rs. a. p.
GREY SHIRTINGS—			
No. 5500	44 × 38	—	17 8 0
No. 100	" "	—	20 0 0
No. 200	" "	—	19 12 0
No. 2005	" "	—	17 14 0
No. 220	" "	—	18 0 0
Nos. 2200/2300	" "	—	— —
No. 7200	" "	—	15 0 0
No. 3000	38 × 38	—	15 8 0
No. 666	" "	—	15 4 0
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GREY SHEETINGS—			
9 Dragons	36 × 30	—	13 6 0
"C" Quality	36 × 30	—	11 2 0
"Roodh Dev."	36 × 30	—	9 8 0
GREY DRILLS—			
Elephant	29 × 40	—	22 4 0

LANCASHIRE YARNS.

The Yarn market has been firm and steady. The demand has been moderate and deliveries have not been satisfactory. Sellers are not anxious to dispose off their holdings in view of the firm position of the spinners on the other side. Buyers on the other hand are hesitating to purchase anything more than the actual requirements. Importing firms are expecting higher rates for some parcels on hand

Lancashire Grey Yarns are quoted as under:—

30s. Yarn, Best, per lb. Rs. 2-1-0.
40s. Yarn, Best, per lb. Rs. 2-6-0.
40s. yarn best, per lb. Rs. 2-6-0.
40s. Yarn, Ordinary, per lb. Rs. 2-4-0.

SUGAR MARKET REPORT.

Bombay, Mar. 22.

Since our last report our market ruled excited during the early part of the week with better demand and on reports that the three steamers from Java to Bombay were stopped by Dutch Government and prices for ready sugars were advanced by one rupee eight annas per cent all round and declined to the extent of eight annas since yesterday on easier advices from Karachi and reported arrivals of s.s. Sumatra from Java and Duerinba from Mauritias with 80,000 and 134,000 bags of sugar respectively. Owing to the approaching Hindu Holidays the demand was very good and clearances were 6,000 bags daily. A large quantity of Mauritius Crystals was sold by firms from Rs. 17-8-0 to Rs. 19-4-0 ex. London, Karachi market was very excited with buyers c Rs. 19-6-0 and afterwards declined to Rs. 18-4-0. Calcutta market was steady with small fluctuations. Java market is very quiet on account of no freight and anxious sellers.

The following are bazaar rates and stocks:—

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T. M. O. Rs. 18-4-0 eq. 22s. 3d. F. B. Harbour stocks 75,000 bags.

Brown Rs. 15-8-0 eq. 19s. F. B. Harbour stocks 15,000 bags.

Sec. Boil Dry Rs. 18-4-0 eq. 22s. F. B. Harbour stocks 2,500 bags.

Sec. Boil Soft Rs. 19-0-0 eq. 23s. F. B. Harbour stocks 5,000 bags.

Mauritius Crystals Rs. 18-0-0 to Rs. 19-0-0 F. B. Harbour stocks 185,000 bags.

Mauritas Syrups Rs. 16 to Rs. 17 F. B. Harbour stocks 7,000 bags.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE AKOLA AND MID-INDIA SPG., WG. AND MFG. CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the above Company was held yesterday, Mr. D. M. Wadia presiding, when the following report was passed and adopted:

"From the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account of the company for the year ending 31st December 1917, it will be seen that during the year a profit of Rs. 1,35,328-14-6 has been made. The balance of Rs. 469-8-4 brought over from the previous account has to be added to this amount.

The Directors recommend the disposal of the total amount as under:—

Rs. 50,000 to depreciation of machinery, Rs. 17,500, renewals and repairs account, Rs. 2,678-2 expenses of floating debentures, Rs. 54,600 dividend at Rs. 6 per share, Rs. 3,500 bonus to office and mill staff, and Rs. 8,128-4-10 to carry forward to the current year's account.

The company had to contend with the same difficulties with regard to procuring labour as in the previous years on account of the recurrence of plague. Your Directors are of opinion that in view of the sanitation of Akola the same difficulties are most likely to arise in future. The quality of Betar Cotton, they also find, is getting poorer and has become practically useless for spinning suitable warp for cloth. Your directors are therefore of opinion that it would be in the interest of the company to remove the mill to a better centre and this matter is under consideration."

Messrs. C. E. Randle and Padamsinha Narsinhabhai were reappointed directors.

MEYER SASSOON MILLS, LTD.

The eighth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held yesterday at its registered office at Rampart Row, Bombay, under the presidency of Mr. A. J. Raymond.

The Directors' report stated *inter alia*:—

The working of the Mill resulted in a profit of Rs. 2,00,433-3-5. This sum your Directors propose to allocate as under:—

To Dividend at Rs. 6 per share, Rs. 60,000; to Depreciation Account, Rs. 85,000; to Reserve Fund Account, Rs. 40,000; to Repairs Fund Account, Rs. 25,000; to Writing off Preliminary Expenses, Rs. 28,307-11-8; to Bonus to Staff, Rs. 5,000; to carry forward to next year's Account, Rs. 17,125-7-7. Total Rs. 2,00,433-3-5.

Your Directors trust that this result will be considered satisfactory taking into consideration the various adverse factors a purely Spinning Mill has to contend with in these days of War. If it had not been for labour difficulties which affected the Mill's production a great deal, the working results would have been much better. The work in connection with the Weaving Shed is progressing and a portion of the Machinery such as Engine, Looms, etc., has already been ordered. In view of the Coal situation which was acute practically throughout the year under review, your Directors arranged for the installation of Liquid Fuel Apparatus at the Mills, which is giving very satisfactory results. Your Machinery, Buildings, Stock and Stock-in-Process are insured for Rs. 38,35,750. The profits of the Company have been insured with Lloyds and the Excess Insurance Company, Limited, for £20,400. Two of your Directors, Mr. P. A. Hormarji and Mr. S. R. Bomanji retire under Article 119, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election. Your Directors have contributed, subject to your sanction, Rs. 300 to "Our Day" Fund. You are requested to appoint two Auditors for the next year and to fix their remuneration.

The Directors' report and audited statements of accounts were received and adopted. A dividend at the rate of Rs. 6 per share of Rs. 100 was declared. Messrs. P. A. Hormarji and S. R. Bomanji were re-elected directors, as also the old auditors.

EDWARD SASSOON MILLS, LD.

The ninth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held yesterday, at its registered office at Rampart Row, Fort, Bombay, under the presidency of Mr. A. J. Raymond.

The Directors' report stated *inter alia*:—

The working of the Mill resulted in a profit of Rs. 2,34,777-5-7 which, with the addition of Rs. 68,425-0-11 brought forward from last year's profit, makes a total of Rs. 3,03,202-6-6 available for distribution. This sum your Directors propose to allocate as under:—

To pay a Dividend at Rs. 12 per share, Rs. 1,02,000; to Depreciation Account, Rs. 93,000; to Reserve Fund Account, Rs. 50,000; to Repair Fund Account, Rs. 35,000; to Bonus to Staff, Rs. 5,000; to be carried forward to next year's Account, Rs. 18,202-6-6. Total Rs. 3,03,202-6-6.

Your Directors trust that this result will be considered satisfactory taking into consideration the various adverse factors a purely Spinning Mill has to contend with in these days of War. If it had not been for labour difficulties which affected the Mill's production a great deal, the working results would have been much better. The work in connection with the Weaving Shed is progressing and a portion of the Machinery such as Engine, Looms, etc., has already been ordered. In view of the Coal situation which was acute practically throughout the year under review, your Directors arranged for the installation of Liquid Fuel Apparatus at the Mills, which is giving very satisfactory results. Your Machinery, Buildings, Stock and Stock-in-Process are insured for Rs. 41,39,685. The profits of the Company have been insured with Lloyds and the Excess Insurance Company, Limited, for £27,200. Two of your Directors, the Hon'ble Mr. Malcolm N. Hogg and Mr. S. R. Bomanji retire under Article 119, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election. Your Directors have contributed, subject to your sanction, Rs. 500 to "Our Day" Sund. You are requested to appoint two Auditors for the next year and to fix their remuneration.

The Directors' report and audited statements of accounts were received and adopted. A dividend at the rate of Rs. 12 per share of Rs. 200 was declared. The Hon. Mr. Malcolm N. Hogg and Mr. S. R. Bomanji were re-elected directors, as also the old auditors.

THE INDIAN MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The tenth Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Indian Mercantile Insurance Co. Ltd., was held on Friday at its registered office at 19, Bank Street Fort, Bombay, under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. Munmohandas Ramji, Chairman of the board of directors.

The Directors' report among other things stated:—

"In this year 933 New Polices were issued over and above a large number of renewals, and the net premium earned by the Company amounted to Rs. 83,145-0-1, interest and other receipts amounting to Rs. 27,781-10-3 total Rs. 1,10,926-10-4. 58 claims for fire losses aggregating to Rs. 22,833-9-2 were paid during the year, the average per claim working out at Rs. 393-10-11. Deducting the above mentioned sum of Rs. 22,833-9-2 and other items of expenditure viz., Rs. 18,083-6-9 and after having written off the sum of Rs. 570-13-0 from Furniture Account the Company has earned a net revenue of Rs. 67,271-2-1 which amount together with the last year's balance of Rs.

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

SUNDAY, March 24.

Mails for Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Henjam, Linga, Dubai, Bushire, Charbar and Pasni, will be closed at the Bombay General Post Office at 8 a.m. Registered letters and parcels will be accepted up to 6-30 p.m. on Saturday.

MONDAY, March 25.

Mails for Laurenzo Marquis and South Africa via Dhanushkodi and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m.

MONDAY, Mar. 25.

Meeting of the Exemption Tribunal, Town Hall, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, Mar. 26.

Second Conference of Indian Home Rule League, on open space near French Bridge, 8-30 p.m.

The Homeward English Mail will be closed at the General Post Office at 5 p.m. Registered letters will be accepted up to 3 p.m. and parcels up to 2 p.m. the same day.

AMUSEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

Royal Opera House, Cinema at 6-45 and 10 p.m.

Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co. at 9-30 p.m. and Cinema at 6-30 p.m.

Palace of Varieties: "East Lynne" Gaiety Theatre at 6-30 and Red Ticket 10 p.m.

Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-15 and 10 p.m.

Majestic Cinema: Girgaum, near Tram Terminus, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.

West End Cinema: Charni Road, 5-30, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-15.

Imperial Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30

New Alahambra Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7, 8-45 and 10-30 (S. T.).

Anglo-American Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.

New Alexandra Cinema: Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.

Eldorado Cinema: Lamington Road, 7, 8-45 and 10-15.

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner, V.D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Rly. Regiment, will play a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Bandmaster, to-day, commencing at 6 p.m.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.

(With admission fee.)

By kind permission of the Officers the Band of the 1st Battalion, B. B. and C. I. Rly. (I.D.F.), will play a programme of music under the direction of Mr. W. S. Walcott, at Victoria Gardens to-day between 6 and 7-45 p.m. (S. T.).

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION.

The abnormal delay to deferred telegrams from the United Kingdom has now ceased.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ.

Mr. G. B. Trivedi will conduct the weekly Divine Service in the local Prarthana Mandir to-morrow at 5-30 p.m.

THE ISRAELITE BROTHERHOOD.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Brotherhood Mr. A. E. Joseph will deliver a lecture on "Our Duties Towards God" at 4 p.m. (S. T.), in the Hall of the Society.

THE COTTON BROKERS ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Cotton Trade which was convened for Saturday, the 23rd instant, to be held at the rooms of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association has been postponed *sine die.*

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-morrow, at 4 p.m. (S. T.), at the Bombay Presidency Association Rooms.

A. E, S. OLD BOYS' UNION

The fifth anniversary of the Aryan Education Society's Old Boys' Union will be held in the premises of the A. E. S.'s High School to-morrow, when Mr. M. R. Jayakar will deliver an address.

THE SOUTH INDIAN CLUB.

A benefit music performance by Flute Krishna Iyer accompanied by Violin will be held under the auspices of the above club in Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya, to-morrow, at 5 p.m. (S. T.) sharp.

G. E. INSTITUTE.

The prize distribution ceremony of the G. E. Institute, Lady Jamsetji Road, Dadar, will be celebrated to-morrow, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), in the School premises when Mr. C. H. Setalvad will preside.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

Under the auspices of the Social Service League, Temperance Club, the musicians from the Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya will give a musical concert to-morrow at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), in the library of the Club, in Dongre's Building, New Foras Road, Bombay. The concert is open to the public.

DON'T NEGLECT DYSPEPSIA.

A DANGEROUS POLICY LEADING TO UNTOLD MISERY LATER ON.

Untold misery invariably results from neglect of the early symptoms of indigestion and dyspepsia, and there is always the possibility that stomach ulceration or gastritis may develop. That is why it is so dangerous for those who experience pain after eating, with a flushed face, heartburn, etc., to wait and see if the symptoms will subside of their own accord or become worse. Be assured that they will certainly become worse unless you take steps to neutralise the acid, which is the root cause of the trouble. To neutralise acid in the stomach, and so prevent food fermentation and unpleasantness after meals, is quite an easy matter. Simply get some pure *bisurated* magnesia from the chemist, and take half a teaspoonful in a little water immediately after meals. This plan is surely preferable to dosing the stomach with drugs or confining yourself to an unattractive diet of easily digested foods. It enables you to eat freely of the foods you fancy, for by taking the *bisurated* magnesia you keep the stomach quite free from acid and prevent all possibility of food fermentation. Food remains bland and sweet until perfectly digested, and consequently there is no pain. This plan is recommended by many specialists, and is worthy of a thorough trial by all, but to avoid confusion with the acetates, citrates, or oxides of magnesia, or equally unsuitable mixtures of bismuth and magnesia, readers should ask the chemist very distinctly for the *bisurated*, the only form prepared especially for stomach use.

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MAHA BHARAT SAPTAHA.

The 6th public lecture upon "Arjun" under the auspices of the Aryan Excelsior League will be delivered to-morrow, at 9-15 a.m., by Pandit Balkrishna Sharma at Hira Baug, near C. P. Tank.

ZOROASTRIAN BROTHERHOOD.

The weekly meeting of the Zoroastrian Brotherhood will be held at the Tutorial High School, to-morrow, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), when Mr. J. C. Tarapore, will deliver a lecture on "Joy." The lecture is open to the public.

THE PATHARE PRABHU STUDENTS' UNION.

Under the auspices of the Pathare Prabhu Students' Union Mr. B. K. Dhurandhar, will deliver an address on Sir Rabindranath Tagore's "Nationalism" in the Prabhu Seminary Hall, Bhai Jivanji's Lane, Thakurdwar, to-morrow, at 5-30 p.m.

INDIAN ECONOMIC SOCIETY.

The Marathi Class in Economics will, as usual, meet under the auspices of the Indian Economic Society, to-morrow, at 9 a.m. (S. T.), at the Servants of India Society's Home, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, Bombay. It will be conducted by Mr. C. S. Deole.

DEPRESSED CLASSES MISSION SOCIETY OF INDIA.

The prize distribution of the Schools of the Bombay Branch of the Society will be held to-morrow, at 5-30 p.m. in a specially erected Mandap at the north end of the French Bridge, Choupatty. His Highness Shri Sayajirao Maharajah Gaikwar of Baroda will preside and give away the prizes.

WOMAN'S PART IN INDIAN SOCIAL REFORM.

Under the auspices of the Women's Indian Association of Bombay a public lecture will be given to-day, at 4-30 p.m. on "Woman's Part in Indian Social Evolution" by Mr. S. H. Jhabvala, at No. 72, Apollo Street, Theosophical Hall, when Miss Engineer of the Seva Sadan will preside.

GOCULDAS TEJPAL GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The G. T. Girls' School on Hornby Road is being extended to an A. V. School. Standard I. A. V. will be started from 1st April and Standards II. and III. will be started immediately if a decent number of girls seek admission otherwise Standard II. will be started next year and Standard III. a year after. No fee will be charged.

FORT DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the members of the Fort District Congress Committee will be held to-day at 6 p.m. (S.T.), at the Bombay Presidency Association Hall; (1) to adopt the second annual report, (2) to elect new office-bearers and the Managing Council, and (3) to transact such other business as may be placed before the meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

PARSI LADIES' FEAST.

About five years ago the Trustees of the Cowasji Beramji Atashbehram Ghambar Fund, inaugurated an annual feast for the women and children of the Parsi community, out of the proceeds of the above fund. The function, which is the only one of its kind in the community, being meant for women and children only at once became very popular and the number of ladies attending the feast at the spacious and delightful grounds of the Cowasjee Byramji Banaji Fire Temple, Queen's Road, has been ever on the increase. Last year no less than about eight thousand ladies of the community attended the feast, and even a greater rush is expected at this year's feast which comes off on Monday, the 25th instant. The function, besides providing an excellent meal, proves a much needed day of rest and holiday for a large number of hard worked housewives and others.

PROGRAMME FOR HOME RULE VOLUNTEERS.

Volunteers of the Home Rule League Volunteer Corps are requested to observe the following programme:—

Saturday, 23rd, 4 p.m. (S. T.), French Bridge, Depressed Classes.

Sunday 24th, 8 a.m. (S. T.), French Bridge, Conference.

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Sunday 24th, 9 p.m. (S. T.), Elphinstone Mills, Millhands purse presentation.

Monday 25th, 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), China Bag, At-Home.

Monday 25th 10 p.m. (S. T.), Dana Bundar, Meeting.

Tuesday 26th, 6 p.m. (S. T.), Shantaram's Chawl, Home Rule purse presentation.

Tuesday 26th, 8-30 p.m. (S. T.), French Bridge, Indian Home Rule League Conference.

URRIMBHOY EBRAHIM KHOJA ORPHANAGE.

The following is the list of donations exceeding Rs. 25 to the above Orphanage during the four years from 1914-17:—

From the Trustees of the late Mr. Rahimtullabhoy Devji, Rs. 3,677-13-3; from the Trustees of the late Kulsumbai, the widow of Mr. A. M. Dharamsi and the daughter of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Bart., Rs. 2,000, Mr. Curmallybhoy Hasum, Rs. 1,000; from the Trustees of the late Mr. Mahomedbhoy Khetsi, Rs. 1,000; from the Trustees of the late Mr. Nathubhoy Muljee, Rs. 400; from the Trustees of the late Mr. Moledinabhoy Mahomed, Rs. 300; Mr. Fazulbhoy Devji in honour of the wedding of his daughter, Rs. 251; from the Trustees of the late Mr Shahrier A. Irani, Rs. 250; Mr. Haji Esmail Haji Mahomed, Rs. 130; Mr. Rahimtullabhoy Khalakdina in memory of the grand-daughter of Khalfan Dhamani, Rs. 125; Mr. Mahomedbhoy Abedin Pirbhoy, Rs. 125; Mr. Manjibhoy Khatav in honour of the wedding of his daughter, Rs. 101; Mr. Ludhabhoy Lakhamsi in honour of wedding of his son Gulamhusein, Rs. 101; Mr. Jusabhoy Hassum in honour of wedding of his daughter Kulsumbai, Rs. 100; Mr. Allarakhiabhoy Rahimtulla in honour of wedding of his son Valimahomed, Rs. 100; Mr. Gulamhuseinbhoy Laljee, Rs. 51; Mr. Mahomedbhoy Cassum in honour of wedding of his son Hassanali Rs. 51; Bismillah, Rs. 50; Mr. Alidinabhoy Ladak, Rs. 50; Mr. Bundealibhoy Haji Laiji in honour of wedding of his son Mohsin. Rs. 50; Mr. Currimbhoy Bhimjee Punja in honour of wedding of his son, Rs. 25-4; Mr. Rahimbhoy Nurmahomed, Rs. 25-4; Mr. Curmallybhoy Janmahomed in honour of wedding of his brother Gulamhusein, Rs. 25-4; Bai Hurbai, the widow of Dinabhoy Lalji, Rs. 25; Mr. Salemahomedbhoy Dharamsi in honour of wedding of his son Abdurasul Rs. 25; Messrs. Piarali Abdulia Dossal and sons in honour of wedding of Mr. Hassan, Rs. 25; Mr. Ismailbhoy Cassum Pirbhoy in honour of wedding of his son Fazul and daughter Sakinabai, Rs. 25; Subscriptions under Rs. 25, Rs. 249. Total Rs. 10,337-9-3.

Articles of furniture of various kinds were also received from Messrs. Devji Kanji and Co., Varas Abdurasul Alidina Visram Mumbassawala, Kazi Esmail Kazi Mahomed Porbundare, proprietor of Akhbari Islam, Messrs. Cassum Curmally and Co., Messrs. P. Meherally and Co., Mr. Jafferbhoy Alibhoy Chagla, Mr. Dawoodbhoy Haji Naser Mavji, Mr. Vazirali Bundeally, Mr. Ismailbhoy Pirbhoy, Mr. Alidinabhoy Ladak and Mr. Alarakhiabhoy Premji.

BOMBAY AMUSEMENTS.

THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

The leading feature of the new cinema programme which comes into force at the Royal Opera House from to-morrow, is a drama entitled "The Woman Who Was Nothing." It is an adaptation from the well-known story of Tom Gallon and tells of the struggle of a girl, who had been wrongly accused, tried and condemned to imprisonment for a crime of which she was innocent, and who, when she becomes a free woman, endeavours to make a new start and live down the prison taint. It is a fine play finely acted.

THE MAJESTIC.

Those who are following the continued photo-play at the above Cinema will be interested to know that in this week's instalment there is a wonderful scene of an explosion by dynamite of the house of mystery, the secret abode of the arch villain the Gray Ghost. The story also reaches the zenith when the spectator is made to understand that the heroine, Morn Light is about to be married to the Gray Ghost. There is another of those terrific combats of the Secretary Marco with the Crooks that keep the spectator on the edge of their seats all the while.

The Universal Screen Magazine is particularly interesting this week and an excellent comic completes the bill.

NEW ALAHAMBRA CINEMA.

The 3rd instalment of "The Peg of the Ring" which is being continued at the New Alhambra Cinema at New Sandhurst Road, from Saturday, 23rd March, will be highly interesting to the lovers of the Turf, inasmuch as it contains with the frauds that are usually practised upon most favourite horses in the shape of duping. Also a shooting affair in an open circus will really create the greatest excitement ever heard of. This is a prearranged plan to kidnap Peg, but how it succeeds and with what terrible consequences will be highly worth seeing at the New Alhambra. Among other scenes that of Peg being enmeshed in the clutches of the pirates will be of the most absorbing interest.

IMPERIAL.

A programme replete with many good points and abounding in educational, historical and interesting subjects is offered by the Imperial this week. The first item relates to the "pursuit of the Aigrette" a scientifically interesting picture fully treated by Pathe Colour, making it altogether a charming production. Next comes "Pathe's Gazette" with the latest news, and then the extremely interesting series of Pathe's "History of the War." This is one of the best features of Imperial's programme and should be followed every week.

In the "Fatal Ring," Pearl White goes through some really hair-raising stunts. We see her in one episode hanging head-downwards on a boiling pot of oil, threatened with instant death. In another, she is rescued just in the nick of time from a closing draw-bridge.

The programme closes with a nice little Parisian Comedy.

ELDORADO CINEMA.

The fifth instalment of "The Great Secret" is to be exhibited this week at the Eldorado, and those who have followed the progress of the story so far will find it getting more and more interesting as it comes to an end.

Dr. Tulph, arch-conspirator of "The Secret Seven," tries various means to get William Strong, the hero of the story, out of his way, but luck and pluck are on the side of the young man, and some unseen power seems to protect him and frustrate the schemes of his enemy.

Francis X. Bushman's role as hero in "The Great Secret" is a creditable one. There are several Bushmans in the serial. There is the idealized hero; the wealthy man of leisure; the protector of the helpless; the lover of adventure; the avenger of wrongs, and the romantic and ardent wooer. He has his great moments and likewise subtle comedy. His athletic prowess proves of vast assistance to him and his battles with the toughs of the underworld are real and thrilling.

NEW ALEXANDRA CINEMA.

It is upon the intimate and simpler appeals to the emotions of the audience that the successor of "All the World's a Stage," which is to be screened from this evening at the New Alexandra, will rest, for from the moment of the first scene, the interest is arrested and by successive stages propelled through one of the most fascinating and appealing stories with which the pen can deal, that of the problem of a woman's soul. It is just a simple story of a country girl who answers the call of the "Lights of London," and after a somewhat bitter experience, returns to her native village and her country lover. In "All the World's a Stage" we are permitted to see the soul of woman looking at itself in a mirror. The cast includes such popular artistes as Miss Eve Balfour, Miss Esme Beringer, Mr. James Lindsay and Mr. Judd Green. Miss Eve Balfour makes an attractive heroine as Lavender Lawn, the beautiful daughter of humble parents, who has been brought up in a fishing village. It is a somewhat unusual character for her to interpret. A word must also be said of the really exquisite settings, both in and out of doors, fine photography, and many artistic touches. Most of the exteriors were taken in the neighbourhood of Corfe Castle, in Dorset, a place of great historic association which has been immortalised by so many celebrated painters. This picture will help to increase the popularity of the house which screens it.

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In the Division Court No. 43.

CHAMBER MATTERS FOR DISPOSAL

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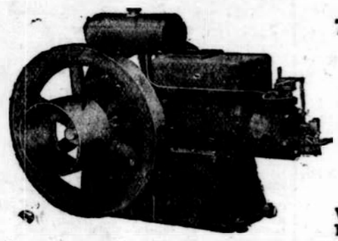

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BUDGET IN FINAL FORM.

FEW ALTERATIONS MADE.

VICEROY'S EULOGY OF FINANCE MEMBER.

CONDEMNATION OF PERSONAL ATTACKS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Mar. 22.

The last meeting of the Imperial Legislative Council of the current session was held this morning. His Excellency the Viceroy presided.

Sir William Vincent laid on the table statements regarding the Workman's Breach of Contract Act 1859 which had been promised in reply to a question asked by the Hon. Pandit Malaviya.

Sir Sankaran Nair laid on the table copy of correspondence regarding the housing accommodation of the poor classes in towns.

Sir William Vincent laid on the table a reply regarding internments under the Defence of India Act, a statement regarding suicides, etc., by state prisoners, and a statement regarding the number of persons interned under the Defence of India Act.

There were as many as 24 questions.

USURY BILL PASSED.

After question time, Sir William Vincent moved consideration of the Select Committee's report on the Usury Bill. He assumed it commanded the general approval of the Council and the Bill was thoroughly discussed in Select Committee. He explained the points discussed in Select Committee. Opinion was divided about giving the Act retrospective effect, and it was decided not to give it such effect. Regarding the reopening of the old account he was glad, he had been able to get a unanimous report. Mr. Sarma withdrew his amendment and Sir William Vincent's amendment which related to drafting was put and accepted.

Dr. Sapru said he was all along an advocate of such a measure. The Bill was a measure of very officient character. The Bill as amended was passed.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN ARMY.

On the motion of General Bingley the Select Committee's report on the Indian Army Act Amendment Bill was taken into consideration. He said during the discussion of the Bill in the Select Committee not many changes were suggested. He explained the necessity for corporal punishment under certain circumstances. In the field, soldiers carried their property about them and stealing from a friend was disgraceful and required sharp and prompt punishment. Many camp followers were convicts, and in their case also, corporal punishment was considered necessary. But the power though taken was virtually kept in abeyance, for it could not be exercised without the sanction of the Commander-in-chief who was averse to corporal punishment.

Mr. Sarma withdrew his motion and the Bill was passed.

FLOTATION OF CAPITAL RESTRICTED.

Sir William Meyer moved that the bill to control withdrawal of capital from money market by companies be taken into consideration. He referred to the uneasiness expressed by many Indian companies and institutions and said they had misunderstood the scope and the intention of the bill which was intended only to husband the resources of the country at a critical time. He had explained how Advisory Committees would be appointed to dispose of applications for licenses, and would again assure all concerned that there was no cause for anxiety. The bill was introduced only in the interests of the State

Mr. Sarma moved following amendment:—(1) That after clause 3 (2) the following sub-clause be inserted "(3) A license shall not be refused under this section unless it appears clearly that the capital or increased capital proposed to be raised cannot be spent by the company advantageously during the continuance of the war, and the company is unwilling to place the funds raised by them, and which cannot be so spent at the disposal of the government as a loan to be returned six months after the war with interest at the current rate."

The amendment was supported by Mr. Ayyangar who said the Industries Commission was sure to go against the Bill.

Sir William Meyer in reply said he considered it unnecessary to take notice of Mr. Ayyangar's amendment, but was sorry Mr. Sarma had not withdrawn his amendment. It was not possible to allow company flotation and the companies to deposit their funds with Government. He referred to the resolution passed in the Council expressing the determination of members to preserve the honour of the Empire, and said he was confident members were prepared to suffer some sacrifices if necessary. The amendment was rejected and the bill passed.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET.

Sir William Meyer in presenting the budget for 1918-19 said:—

The more important alterations in our figures occur under entirely provincial or divided heads of revenue and expenditure. Thus owing to unsatisfactory conditions of the paddy market in Burma, the local Government has had to postpone land revenue collections to a considerable extent, with the result that these are new estimates for the current year by £500,000 of which we anticipate that £400,000 will be realised during the course of the next year. This affects both the Imperial and the Provincial estimates in each of the two years. There has been a similar postponement of a smaller amount namely £67 000 in Bombay. In the latter province however, a large increase of £233,0000 is now expected in the excise revenue for the next year, against which we have allowed proposals made by the local Government for additional expenditure mainly on education and sanitation.

RISE IN CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Under purely Imperial heads, the largest changes in our estimates are an increase in the Customs Revenue of about £76,000 in the current year and £100,000 in the next year. I need not refer to other alterations as these are of relatively minor importance. The net result of the above changes in so far as the Imperial position is concerned is to reduce the surplus for 1917/18 by £114,000 and to increase that for next year by £291,0000 the surplus for 1918/19 now standing at £2,582,000. Of this latter improvement however about £133,000 represents revenue thrown forward from the current year, and £108,000 a real improvement. The results would, so far as the ability to provide funds is concerned to permit the fulfilment of the conditional promise, I made on the 9th instant with reference to a resolution by my honourable friend Mr. Sarma that if our final budget figures justified it, we should be prepared to make a supplementary grant of £200,000 for technical and agricultural education. But as I indicated on that occasion the sanction of the India Office was also required, and though that has just been received, it has arrived too late to allow of the alteration in figures which the allotment of this sum would require. But I assure the Council that we shall make a supplementary allotment as soon as possible, and thus furnish substantial evidence of the reality which we attach to our new procedure in respect of the discussion of the financial statement.

PROVINCIAL SURPLUS.

In the case of the provinces there will be a reduction in the surplus for 1917-18 of £418.000 but on the other hand the estimated deficit of £95,000 for 1918-19 will be converted into a surplus of £13,100 there being thus an improvement of £226,000. Concurrently with this conversion of the collective provincial deficit into a surplus, provision has been made for increased provinicial expenditure next year to the extent of £313,000, this increase occurring mainly in Bombay where as already stated we have allowed the local government to apply the anticipated increase of £233,000 in excise receipts next year to beneficent expenditure including £100,000 on education, £67,000 on sanitation, and a like amount for grants to local bodies for other purposes. We have also allowed them to draw on their provincial balances during the current year to the extent of £80,000 for the last mentioned object. This is a very early fulfilment of the undertaking which I gave in connection with a resolution moved in the Council a short time ago to the effect that if later an improvement occurred in the provincial revenues we would consider very sympathetically the possibility of allowing the provinces to increase their outlay.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Turning to ways and means, the recent heavy demand for Treasury Bills in Bombay warrants an increase of £1,333,000 on our previous estimate for 1917-18 involving a corresponding increase in the estimated repayments of the same from fresh Bills next year. There has also been an improvement in Savings Bank Deposits, and a falling off in payments on account of foreign money orders. On the other hand we expect to have to meet during the current year additional military outlay mainly on stores to the extent of £660,000. A considerable part of this will probably be recovered later, and the expenditure is meanwhile shown provisionally under the suspense head. As the net result of these and other less important alterations we now expect that our cash balance in India at the end of the current year will be £16,522,000 or an increase of £553,000 on the figure adopted in the financial statement. While our closing balance for the next year will stand at £12,273,000 being an increase of £1,153,600 over that previously taken and practically equivalent to the normal closing balance we look to.

As regards England, the Secretary of State expects that his balance will be larger by £1,745,000 at the end of the current year and next, owing to additional and more prompt recoveries from the War Office and the Admiralty.

VICEROY'S CLOSING SPEECH.

His Excellency at the close of the session of the Imperial Legislative Council addressed as follows:—

I shall trouble the Council with a very few words in closing this session. We have put through some useful legislation which I hope will stand the test of time and prove of value, but the spring session is primarily the financial session and I shall devote the greater part of my remarks to that topic. I should, however, like to draw your attention to a practice, which we have inaugurated during our sittings this year and which I hope to see greatly developed, and that is the practice of official members taking a larger share in the debates and the proceedings of the Council. I cannot but express my regret that this practice had not been adopted before, because it would have obviated some of the patent objections, which have been raised to our present system.

OFFICIAL PHALANX.

From the point of view of the Government of India it is undoubtedly a waste of man-power and brain capacity that we should place a number of distinguished officials on the Imperial Council and then refuse to avail ourselves of their knowledge and experience in our debates. It is a constant source of irritation to the non-official members that they are up against a silent phalanx of votes. Much of this soreness would, I feel sure, be removed if non-official members were able to cross swords with official members on the floor of the Council Chamber. If they found that they had to deal with men of flesh and blood of like passions with themselves and not silent voting automata finding their way with machine-like precision and unfailing accuracy into the Government division lobby, I believe a great advance could be made to improve the present system; but I would remind hon. members that you cannot alter a practice or a system in a day, that the Government must have power to carry its legislative proposals and inasmuch as legistion is carried by votes it cannot relinquish its hold on the official vote; but within these limits it is my desire more and more to give the official element a greater part in our deliberations and so give more reality to our proceedings. I feel sure that such a change would appeal generally to hon. members and more particularly to the official members of the Council.

WAR LOAN BENEFITS.

I now turn to financial matters. Sir William Meyer has explained clearly to the Council the nature of our financial difficulties at the present time, the paramount importance of meeting adequately the calls on our resources, which the war entails and the specific advantages to India of meeting our war contribution as far as possible by loan proceeds in this country. In view, however, of the supreme importance of ensuring that the second Indian War Loan shall be as complete a success as the first I wish to take the opportunity of saying a few words on the subject to this Council and through them also the wider public. The position is briefly that last year India promised to give £100 million or Rs. 150 crores to his Majesty's Government for the cost of the war. Of this amount we have paid in cash to the Home Government Rs. 52 crores which were subscribed to the loan last year. Against the balance of India's contribution, namely, Rs. 98 crores she has assumed responsibility for interest charges and re-payment of a corresponding amount of the British War Loan. On this we have, of course, to pay interest in England. The advantages to India of paying off this balance as soon as possible and consequently of raising as much as possible by the second War Loan are in simple language, as follows:—(1) We require the money to spend in India in buying for the Empire and the Allies wheat, rice and other foodstuffs, jute, cotton, tea, hides, boots and shoes, tents and also other equipment. The sums so spent will directly benefit the cultivators and other producers in India. (2) The money will, by its application in this way, be of the greatest use to his Majesty's Government since it will be entirely devoted to expenditure necessary for the successful prosecution of the war. This is the simplest way in which I can put a rather complicated transaction. Actually we provide funds in India for the purchase of the abovementioned commodities and other services and are repaid in London. These repayments place the Secretary of State in funds in England and enable him to make over to his Majesty's Government an amount equivalent to our loan proceeds here, thus extinguishing our liability for the British War Loan of a corresponding amount. (3) The reduction of our liability in this way reduces the amount of interest which we have to pay in England. Interest will, instead, be paid in India to those who subscribe to the new war loan. By this statement I am simply putting in popular language the well-recognised economic advantage of a country holding its own debt. (4) There is yet a further reason why it is highly desirable that we should obtain by the loan all the money that we can. More than one hon. member referred during the course of the discussion on the financial statement to the possible evils of curreney inflation and to the large additions to the currency of the country which have been made in the last two years.

PEOPLE'S DUTY.

Each rupee, continued his Excellency, subscribed will either reduce the amount of new silver that we have to purchase or else help to strengthen the metallic proportion of our paper currency reserve. For all these reasons I confidently trust that India will once more rise to the occasion and equal if not surpass her previous effort. I feel too that I can look to the hon. members of this Council for their whole-hearted help in our loan campaign. We are asking local Governments as on the last occasion for their co-operation and are suggesting to them the formation of unofficial propagandist committees on the lines of those which did such good work in connection with our first war loan. The co-ordinated work of such committees can, however, very valuably be supplemented by volunteer propagandist work outside. As I said last year we want propagandist work and the more unofficial that work the more satisfactory will be its results. The persuasive efforts of members of this Council will, I am sure, not in any sense be open to any possible objection on the ground of the employment of undue pressure to constrain unwilling people to subscribe to the loan. I fully agree with what has been said in this Council on that subject. We do not want compulsion at all and as I think Sir William Meyer added it almost certainly in the long run does us more harm than good.

TRIBUTE TO FINANCE MEMBER.

In the debate, which took place in this Council on March 8th, hon. members without exception paid their tribute to the services of Sir William Meyer and the manner in which he had surmounted the difficulties and financial problems with which he has been faced during these past years of war. I should like to take this opportunity of associating myself to the full with that tribute. I can only speak of men as I find them and I say unhesitatingly and I am sure my colleagues will bear me out that there is no man who has spent himself more freely in the cause of the Empire during these years than has Sir William Meyer. I sometimes think that the lucidity and simplicity with which he has presented his facts to us may have led to some failure to appreciate the difficulties underlying the problems with which he has been confronted. Sir William Meyer has always been ready to find funds for purposes which the military authorities have declared to be necessary for the prosecution of the war and with the ever-increasing scale of military outlay, which it has been necessary to meet there has never been any hesitation or reluctance on the part of Sir William in discharging the paramount duty of financing military demands to the full. In addition to his financial work he has taken on his shoulders the chairmanship of the recruiting Board. He has given us unvaluable help on the Defence Committee and his labours in the ordinary work of the Government of India in the Executive Council have been assiduous and ungrudging. Let me remind the general public of one more thing.

MEAN ATTACKS RESENTED.

Sir William Meyer is responsible for presenting his budget proposals to the Governor-General in Council, but when once they have been accepted then they become the proposals of the Government as a whole for which we must take responsibility equally with the Finance Member. Sir William Meyer has been at times singled out for attack. I think I may say that we his colleagues deeply resent this unfairness. No man in these grave times will dare to claim immunity from criticism, but equally I venture to say that all men who bear heavy responsibility have a right to ask the criticism should be tempered by charitableness.

GOOD-BYE.

Let me now bid hon. members who come from the ends of India good-bye. You have learned during these past two months some of our difficulties. The war is still with us and while it continues we can hope for no respite from those difficulties, but you know them and their causes and I am confident that you will instruct your fellow-countrymen as to their why and wherefore. We have no cause for despondency. We know that if we are true to ourselves victory lies ahead of us, but in the meantime until its dawn appears there are the discomforts and inconveniences which are inseparable from the war. You can teach the people better than we that these are only for a time and will vanish when sure and certain victory crowns our arms. It is a privilege for us that we live in these times that in however humble a way each one of us can play his part in the great struggle of right against wrong. We have then all of us a special call to service at this moment and I bid you who are going from here to scatter throughout India God-speed in this great service for your Sovereign and your country.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

DEFENCE ACT RESTRICTION.

SIR. W. VINCENT ON RELAXATIONS.

(From our correspondent.)

DELHI, Mar. 22.

To-day at the Council the following question was asked by Mr. Mazharul Haque:

Have the cases of any other interned persons been inquired into, as was promised by the hon. the Home Member on 5th September 1917 in his reply to a question of the Hon. Mr. Jinnah in connection with the release of Mrs. Besant and her two colleagues? If the answer be in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to place on the table a list of any such person or persons who have been thus released? Will Government be pleased to place on the table a list of those interned persons whom the late Home Member the Hon. Sir Reginald Craddock on the 21st February 1917, during the course of his speech on the resolution of Mr. Dadabhoy, regarding the amendment of the rules under the Defence of India Act, 1915, characterized as "openly and avowedly preaching or publishing ill will among his Mapesty's subjects, etc.," as distinguished from "secret conspirators?" Has any interned person so characterized by the Hon. Sir Reginald Craddock and in whose case the Hon. Sir William Vincent, made the definite promise of inquiry referred to above been so far released.

REPLY BY SIR WILLIAM VINCENT.

Sir William Vincent said: The exact words of the undertaking to which the Hon. member refers were.

"The Government of India are prepared, subject to the same conditions, to take the same course (i.e. to recommend local governments to remove restrictions under the Defence of India Rules) in regard to other persons upon whom restrictions have been placed under these rules merely by reason of their violent method of political agitation." Enquiries were made in pursuance of that promise and such restrictions were cancelled in the case of the following:—

Mr. Karandikar. Mr. Horniman,, Mr. Titus, Mr. Kolhatkar, Mr. Paranjpye. The honourable member will see that he has not quoted me correctly in the third clause of his question, but the only persons now interned under the Defence of India Rules who come under the precise category referred to by the honourable member in clause (b) of his question are Messrs. Imamulddin Punjabi, Swami Satya Dev Bairagi Tripathi and Nihal Singh.

POSSESSION OF COUNTRY MADE PIECE-GOODS.

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MR. GOKHALE'S BUST UNVEILED.

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DELHI, Mar. 22.

At to-day's meeting of the Imperial Legislative Council before the commencement of deliberations his Excellency the Viceroy in the presence of all the members unveiled a marble bust of the late Mr. Gokhale. It has been placed in the main entrance to the Council Chamber.

Sir William Meyer in inviting his Excellency to unveil the bust said:—My Lord, this bust of our late comrade Mr. Gopal Krishna Gokhale which I shall presently ask your Excellency to unveil has been subscribed for by the European members of your Legislative Council. Our Indian colleagues had presented to the Council the busts of two eminent European officials, the late Sir John Jenkins and Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, and we Europeans thought that it would be a very fitting return that we should similarly present the bust of a man whom I can describe without exaggeration as the most able and distinguished Indian who has sat in the Viceroy's Legislative Councils. I hope the bust will meet with the satisfaction of those who knew our late friend, and I may say that it has been carried out by an Indian sculptor Mr. G. K. Mhatre. I will not delay your Excellency much longer, but I should like to say a few words as regards Mr. Gokhale. He was a born leader of men, and while holding fast to the principles he had marked out for himself, he had the true statesman's instinct in grasping what was immediately practicable. He could be when occasion required a very shrewd and keen critic, but he only criticised when he thought criticism was called for and when he had fully studied the case on which he spoke. Nor did he confine himself to mere negative criticism, for his was a mind which was fertile in constructive propositions, and his great mental qualities were buttressed by very fine personal characteristics, single-mindedness of purpose and transparent sincerity, the complete devotion of his life to the public weal, the magnetism that wins and keeps friends, and the habit so easy to preach but so difficult to practise of making full allowance for the different stand points of those from whom he might differ. It is indeed tragic that a man so endowed should have been snatched from Indian at this time of travail and transition, when she so sorely needs his clear and wise guidance. We can now only cherish his memory and his example, and I hope that this bust may help to recall him not merely to those who knew him in the flesh but to the Indian politicians of the future. I know ask you, my Lord, on behalf of those who have subscribed for the bust to put the seal on our purpose by unveiling it.

NATIONAL EDUCATION.

MR. KANJI DWARKADASS LECTURE.

A meeting under the auspices of the Kamdar Hitvarthak Mandal was held on Thursday the 21st instant, at 9-30 p.m., at the Mulji Jetha Market Hall when Mr. Kanji Dwarkadas delivered a lecture in Gujerati on "National Education," under the presidency of Mr. Narandas Purshotum. The lecturer explained the National Education Scheme under which particular stress would be laid on the Mother-tongue as media of instruction (English forming a necessary Second language) Moral and religious education and physical culture, all of which were conspicuous by their absence in the present system of education being provided for. The National University would be under Indian control and there would be more sympathy and good feeling between the teachers and the taught than at present where the Anglo-Indian professor has rarely anything in common with his Indian pupils. The speaker then exhorted the audience to make the National Education Week—April 8th to 15th—successful and said that to do this every one must sacrifice something. During the week concerts would be arranged and house to house collections would be made, but to do that a large body of volunteers must come forward and do something for this great cause.

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas then addressed the meeting and after several other gentlemen had spoken the President announced a donation of Rs. 1,000, from Messrs. Mathradas Liladhar & Co., and Rs. 125, from another gentleman. After the meeting was dissolved many gentlemen volunteered their services for the National Education Week.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that in your to-day's leader on the Cotton Crisis you state that my firm is interested on the "Bull" side. My firm does a purely commission and brokerage business and as such it has always been my policy to refrain from speculation. Neither my firm nor I personally have any interest either on the "Bull" or the "Bear" side.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. DU BREUL.

Bombay, Mar. 22nd.

[We have never yet heard of a firm of brokers who were neither interested on the Bull or the Bear side, and unless we are to take it that Messrs. Breul to have abstained from all business the above statement is nonsensical. We assume, however, that the object of the letter is to assure the public that Messrs. Breul & Co. and Mr. Breul do not themselves engage directly in speculation.—Editor "B. C."]

TENNIS BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

The following is the result of the matches played on Friday:—

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap:—Mr. C. E. Gwyther and Mr. Kibblewhite beat Mr. M. Grath and Mr. P. G. Johnson, 6—4, 6—3.

Handicap Singles:—Mr. G. W. Graham beat Mr. F. Borissow, 6—3, 6—3.

PLAYED ON 22ND MARCH.

Mr. C. G. Stileman and Mr. W. R. Sharpe beat Mr. G. Frye and Mr. G. M. Rose, 6—3, 6—4.

Mr. M. Fox and Mr. G. T. Wright beat Mr. W. Reid and Major H. S. Hutchison, 6—0, 3—6, 6—2.

Single:—Major Francus beat Mr. Albert Whitner, 6—4, 6—4.

Mr. A. R. Burnethurst beat Mr. G. T. Wright, 9—7, 6—4.

Matches to be played to-day:—

Double:—Mr. G. W. Graham and Mr. W. T. Griffith v. Mr. P. L. Anstey and Mr. S. N. Powell.

Capt. Forman Bull and Mr. Leeson v. Mr. S. G. Whitney and Mr. G. E. Grafton.

Single:—Mr. G. G. Fletcher v. Mr. C. E. Guyther.

HOCKEY IN BOMBAY.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT: FIRST ROUND.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE (5) BEAT BANDRA CHAPEL ROAD S. A. (0).

The meeting between these two teams in the first round of the above Tournament on the Oval on Friday provided a very poor exhibition of hockey, a very one-sided game ending in a victory for the Medical team by five goals to nil. It was purely a series of onslaughts on the Bandra team's goal and no less than 15 corners fell for the Medicals during the initial period; only three goals were scored by Braganza, Wadia and Rane. The change of ends did not improve matters and after a series of sorties the Medicals scored again through Rane and Wadia, who thus won as stated. The game was far too one-aided to need any detailed description. The Bandra boys were quite plucky and resourceful in their defensive tactics, especially Gomes at back and stopped many ugly rushes somehow or other.

The teams were:—

Grant Medical College:—Wosley; Arkley and H. Easeden; Prescott, Sweeney and Fernandes; Mercado, Wadia, Braganza Rane and Perkins.

Bandra Chapel Road, S.A.:—Gonsalves; L. Dharmai and Gomes; J. Quadros, M. Quadros and Namree; J. Falcon; J. C. Falcon, P. Dharmai, Vissankar and Amara.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

R. G. A. (Colaba) v. Embarkation S. and T. Corps.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

(1) Rangers (6) beat Elphinstone College (3).

(2) Lusitanians (5) beat Government Telegraph (0).

(3) Hornets (8) beat Islam Gymkhana (0).

(4) Grant Medical College (5) beat Bandra C. R. S. A. (0).

(5) Bombay Gymkhant (0) drew with Grant Medicals—A (0).

GWALIOR SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

(From our Correspondent.)

GWALIOR, Mar. 21.

There was a shower of rain yesterday and the weather on the second day of the Gwalior Spring Meeting was cooler and more pleasant. A very large crowd of spectators turned up on the course The card was very full. The scratchings were few and the fields were good.

THE ARABIAN PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. De Souza's ACETINE, 7-13, Lynn..... 1
General Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's VICTOR, 8-2, Harrison 2
Mr. Hoyt's RAGE, 7-1, Purtoosingh 3

Also ran:—Sultan 10-3, Iron Chest 9-7, Solar Star, 9-5, Bluey Lee 9-4, Edward 9-4, Collector 9-1, British 9, Panama 6-11.

Betting:—Threes against Bluey Lee and Edward, fours British, Victor and Ironchest, fives Rage sixes Sultan, sevens Solar Star and Collector, tens the rest.

The race:—Won by two lengths, a head between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 52⅘ secs.

THE SAHARA PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

The Maharaja of Patiala's CRUSADER, 8-8, Trahan 1
Messrs. Hastings and Gathries' TIT BITS, 8-7, (cd. 8-8) Templeman 2
Mr. Rennel's MUBROAK 7-9, Melson 3

Also ran:—Maasal 9-10, Mount Pleasant 9-2, Adil 8-2, Garland 8-2, The Knut 8-2, Aladdin 7-10, Gold Mine 7-2 (cd. 7-4), Chatham 6-8, (cd. 6-13).

Betting:—One and Hales against Tit Bits, Twos Mount Pleasant, fours Adil, sixes Garland, eights Aladdin, tens Maasal and Mubroak, twenties the rest.

The race:—Won by 1½ lengths, one length between the second and third.

Time:—1 min. 22 secs.

THE GWALIOR CUP.—Distance 1½ miles.

Mr. Hamer's SHORT SKIRT, 8-4, (cd. 8-5), Ruiz 1
Mr. Garda's OUR DAY, 8-4, Pulling 2
Maharaja of Patiala's MAY BOY 9-6, Trahan. 3

Also ran:—Athlete 9-12, Gladiator 9-1, Eagle's Nest 8-9, Dorian 8, Castle Vite 7-9, Warelets' Dupe 7-3, Hookkhoo 7-2.

Betting:—Evens Mayboy, two and halves against Short Skirt, fives Eagle's Nest, Our Day, and Hookkoo, sevens Athlete, Gladiator and Dorian, eights the rest.

The race:—Won by a neck, 1½ lengths between the second and third.

Time:—2 mins. 7 4/5 secs.

THE GWALIOR ARMY CUP.—Distance mile.

Mr. Hameed's HAMEEDIA, 9-8, Flynn ... 1
Maharaja of Patiala's RED DUKE 9-12, Trahan 2
Messrs. Essa and Sethna's SUGARCANE 8-12, Rose 3

Also ran: R G 9-4, Maple 8-13, Black Friar 8-10, Black Stone 8-4, Munderah's Pride 8-2, Sweet Apple 8-2, Discarded 8, Hardcash 7-11 Maiden Palm 7-6, Sarfaraz 6-7, (cd. 6-12).

Betting:—Twos against Hameedia, threes Discarded, fours Black Friar, fives Sugarcane and Black Stone, sixes Red Duke, tens R G Munderah's Pride Hardscash, Maiden, Palm and Sarfaraz, twelves the rest.

The race:—Won by a head; 1½ lengths between the second and third.

Time—1 min. 43 secs.

HORSES LEFT IN.

THIRD DAY.

GWALIOR, Mar. 22.

LASHKAN HURDLES. Distance—2 miles over eight flights

Bodenham, 11-7; Glenlyon, 11-2; Warelets Dupe, 10-13; Turbulent, 10-13; and Pomade, 9-0.

MORAR PLATE. Distance—7 furlongs.

Mayboy, 9-10; Eagles Nest, 8-10; Our Day, 8-8; Dorian, 8-2; Castle Vite, 7-11; Hookkoo, 7-6; Hunyadi, 7-4; and Decorum, 7-1.

FAREWELL PLATE. Distance—1½ miles.

Iron Chest, 9-4; Solar Star, 9-2; Bluey Lee, 9-2; Acitine, 8-6; Victor, 8-2; Risold, 8-0; Duhallow, 7-7; Confidence, 7-4; and Rage, 7-0.

JOHNKING CUP. Distance—1½ miles.

Redduke, 10-4; Hameadio, 10-1; R. G., 9-3; Sugar Cane, 8-12; Maple, 8-9; Black Friar, 8-6; Black Stone, 8-0; Discarded, 7-12; Munderahs Pride, 7-12; Bally Apple, 7-8; and Sarfaroz, 6-8.

ARAB SELLING PLATE. Distance—6 furlongs.

Confidence, 9-0; Mespot, 9-0; Arstoorat, 8-0; Ankerdine, 8-0; Bowery, 7-7; Atlas, 7-7; Menace, 7-5; and Militant, 6-11.

JOE BELAO PLATE. Distance—6 furlongs.

Necessity, 9-12; Eagles Nest, 9-9; Bisley, 9-2; Lavenir, 8-12; Hunyadi, 8-4; Hookkoo, 8-4; Drill Mistress, 8-2; Pomade, 7-3; and Arrasa, 6-10.

SIR E. JOHN CUP. Distance—7 furlongs.

Maasal, 9-9; British, 9-6; Crusader, 9-4; Acetine, 9-1; Mount Pleasant, 9-1; Tit Bits, 8-12; Garland, 8-1; Subeha Pasha, 7-13; Bill Bailey, 7-11; Mubrook, 7-11; and Full Moon, 7-6.

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE

Saturday, 23rd March, 1918.

THE HERITAGE OF MANKIND.

The treatment which Hindu Society metes out to the so-called "depressed" classes, is dishonouring alike to itself and to the country. Nothing more condemnatory of it can be said than this, that in no part of the civilized world—and in many countries the wickedness of caste prejudices prevails—is greater injustice and greater wrong done to one section of the population by another more powerful and more favoured section. And this wrong is the greatest of all inflicted on one body of men by another, because it makes the victims themselves lose all sense of human dignity and accept their degradation as something inevitable and immutable. The so-called higher class Hindu may touch a dog but he must not touch a Bhungi or a Dhed without feeling himself polluted. That is an outrage against all principles of human brotherhood and decency. But that is not all. Consider the man who feels he is polluted because he had touched another fellow-being and feels so for no other reason but this, that the latter has been born into a certain class! To our mind, there cannot be a deeper level of degradation than that indicated by the attitude of this man and it is more deplorable than that of the "depressed" man who, having never experienced human treatment from his brethren, learns to regard himself as inferior to them. And this sums up the enormity of the whole problem of the "depressed" classes.

We do not belong to that superficial class of critics who see in the treatment of the "depressed" classes an unanswerable argument against the granting of Self-Government to the country, for the simple reason that the right of the people of any country to govern themselves is an inherent right that cannot be forfeited under any set of circumstances any more than the right of a man to satisfy his hunger or to quench his thirst, and the establishment of democracy is always the best cure for the redress of social inequalities. But we cannot disguise from ourselves the fact that the responsible government which the country is determined and destined to secure cannot be developed along true democratic lines so long as one-fifth of the population is allowed to remain a moral as well as a political drag. Nor is it wise to overlook the fact that the bulk of the Hindu community has either continued to remain apathetic to this danger or averse to any reform. Fortunately, as in every other country, the flag of the true democracy has been kept flying for years past amidst the forces of apathy and bigotry, by a small band of patriots whose number has been increasing, not from year to year or even from month to month, but from day to day. The Indian National Social Conference and, even more, the Depressed Classes Mission Society, have largely contributed to the development of an increasingly strong public opinion on the question and a very great accession of strength has been secured by the resolution which the last Indian National Congress passed, for the first time in its history, condemning the disabilities which the Hindu community have imposed on the "depressed" classes. There is no more imperative duty that Indian leaders and publicists have to perform than to enlist this roused conscience in the campaign of righteousness and justice against apathy, prejudice and privilege. We, therefore, heartily welcome the organisation of the All-India Anti-Untouchability Conference—we wish a more suitable title had been selected which meets to-day and to-morrow in Bombay under the auspices of the Depressed Classes Mission Society. Among the organisers are Sir Narayan Chandavarkar, the Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel, the Hon. Mr. Kamat, Messrs. P. K. Telang, and Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Dr. Harold Mann, and last but not least, Mr. Shinde, the devoted Secretary of the Mission. The organisers feel specially encouraged "to start this movement," they state in the course of an appeal to the public for co-operation, "because His holiness Shri Jagadguru Shankaracharya of the Karweer Math has promised not only to attend the Conference but to consider most favourably whatever measures may be submitted by the Conference and also to try and secure support from other heads of jhe Hindu Church. "Further, the Maharajah Gaikwar of Baroda has consented to preside over the Conference and several eminent leaders, such as Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Tilak, have already assured their sympathy and will take active part in its deliberations.

The Conference is thus organised under most favourable aus pices. More important, however, is the character and scope of the programme of the active campaign which this Conference will be asked to adopt. The organisers declare that "the removal of the bar of untouchability is imperatively and immediately needed, as much in the best interest of the united Indian Nation as in the defence of what is best and highest in Hindu religion," and they "demand it therefore as the bounden duty of every son and daughter of India and also each and every faithful follower of the Hindu religion—nay every member of self-respecting humanity—that he should do his best and utmost to help in the case of removing this bar of untouchability as well as of restoring the millions of its victims in the country to a decent and efficient status in life." The Conference is asked to appeal for the removal of disabilities of the "depressed" classes and for affording especial facilities and opportunities for self-realisation to the members of these classes. The appeal is to be addressed to the Indian public in general, to philanthropic Hindu bodies or missions, to the heads of the Hindu religious organisations, to the Indian National Congress and its provincial committees, to the Indian States, to the great industrial organisations, to important "depressed" class communities, to local bodies, to the Government of India, the British Parliament and the Universities. We have every confidence that all who have the interests of the country at heart will do all they can to make the Conference a success. But the success of the cause which the Conference has espoused will really depend on the extent to which those who are concerned for the welfare and progress of their country remain true to it in practice, in their every-day life, as well as in the lip service to it. For he is no friend of India, much less of humanity, who, whatever his aspirations and his beneficent activities in other directions, denies, in his conduct, to one fellow-being the right of being his equal in that dignity of spirit which is the common heritage of mankind.

THE KAIRA SCANDAL.

We have been waiting for some time to see what fruit the "assurance of sympathy" that was given to the three members of the Servants of India Society, who inquired into the extent of the failure of crops in that District, would bear. These three gentlemen submitted their report with regard to Matar Taluka only and recommended 22 villages for half-suspension of land revenue due to failure of crops. The Collector of the District agreed to go carefully into the cases of all the villages recommended. It might have been expected that the majority, if not all, of the villages recommended would be granted suspension of half the revenue, but it is gravely disappointing to find that only three out of these 22 villages have been given the relief, as is seen from the answer given recently to the Hon. Mr. Parekh's question in the Legislative Council. Thus only *one seventh* of *one* of the recommendations of these three gentlemen,—who cannot be accused of being unfair to the Government,—has been accepted, and others were rejected as soon as they were submitted.

Mr. Parekh's question and the replies thereto emphasise once more how well the art of evading replies is cultivated in the Secertariat in Bombay. Our readers may remember that the Government in their angry Press Note issued in January asserted that the rice crop was "unusually good." The yield of rice according to the report of Messrs. Parekh and Patel was between five and six annas in several villages and as low as two annas in some. Mr. Devadhar and his party in their report said, "We do not consider that rice was unusally good," and yet the Government have the courage to say in an answer to one of Mr. Parekh's questions that "the general yield of rice in the villages mentioned in the statement was above the average of recent years." The question asked was in which villages was the rice crop unusally good, the total area in those villages under rice cultivation and the area over which the crop was unusually good. The Government in reply have given a list of 265 villages in which the rice crop is said to be unusually good, the area of land under this crop forming only a small per centage of the total cultivable area in the district. But Government do not find themselves able to answer the last and the most substantial portion of the question as to how much even of this small proportion of land under rice had an unusally good harvest, "as the rice crop was harvested some time ago." Does this mean that with the harvesting of the crop, the records of the anna valuation of the crop were destroyed or does it mean that the District Officers have no wish to reply to this inconvenient question? But we never knew up to this time that "unusually good" means "above the average of recent years" and not "above the normal." As a matter of fact, even according to Government figures, the rice crop in these villages was only ten to twelve annas and in many cases less than normal, even presuming that these figures were not unduly swelled. To say that the crop was unusually good, when it was below normal, even according to Government figures, and that it was "above the average of recent years" (because the year 1915-16 was a specially bad year and 1916-17 a fair year) is mere jugglery with words which can deceive nobody and can much less relieve the poor ryot, and pay his land revenue and feed his family.

A third point to be noticed is the matter alluded to in a letter addressed to us by the Hon. Mr. Patel in this connection. We learn from him that he had asked the Government in the current session of the Legislative Council 35 questions with regard to suspension of land revenue in Kaira and other matters connected therewith. The Government have thought fit, perhaps in the "public interest," to disallow all these questions and thus try to stifle public opinion. We are not in possession of these questions as, we are told that, it is a matter of etiquette not to publish such questions and resolutions after they are once disallowed by the bureaucracy of the Legislative Council. On the other hand, we believe that it is but due to the constituency which Mr. Patel represents in the Council, or rather represnented till he was elevated to the Imperial Council, to publish them and to let the constituents judge how far the Executive Govermvent is acting highhandedly. Mr. M. K. Gandhi, with the assistance of a band of workers from Ahmedabad, has been inquiring into this subject of crop failure in Kaira for some time and we trust that these efforts will not meet with the same fate as have those of Messrs. Parekh and Patel and Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues.

Notes of the Day.

The Rent Bill.

At its meeting to-day the Bombay Legislative Council will consider the report of the Select Committee on the Rent Bill. The Bill has emerged from the Select Committee almost substantially in its original shape with several minor but nonetheless essential improvements and with one unfortunate surrender. Sir Dinshaw Petit and Messrs. Manmohandas Ramji have appended minutes dissenting in important essentials from their colleagues. This is not surprising in view of the attitude taken up by them at the first reading of the Bill and of their known sympathy with the interests of the landlords. The features of the Bill, as amended, which are not satisfactory, relate to its retrospective effect and to the date for computation of the standard rent. The Committee has so modified clause 12 of the Bill as to enable a fenant to recover excess rent paid between the 1st January 1918 and the commencement of the Act, the omission of which provision, as in the original clause, would have seriously affected the utility of the measure.

Two Questionable Amendments.

It has, however, altered the date for the retrospective applicability of the provision from 30th September, 1917 to 1st January 1918, without producing any convincing reason for the alteration. But the most substantial change is with regard to the date for computation of the standard rent from 1st January 1915 to 1st January 1916. The Select Committee has persuaded itself that during the earlier period of the war rents showed a downward tendency for various causes. Whether the Committee was justified or not in accepting this view, we hope it did not lose sight of one most important factor which militates against it, namely, the excessively high level of rents, due to causes not unknown, that prevailed before 1st January 1915. At all events, we trust the Council will assure itself completely, on unimpeachable evidence, of the truth of the contention as to a slump in property in 1915, before agreeing to the recommendation of the Select Committee.

Otherwise Satisfactory.

Apart from the defects mentioned, the report of the Select Committee is all that could be desired. On the two fundamentally important features of the Bill, that business premises should not be excluded from the scope of the Bill and that no limit should be imposed on the rental of dwelling houses, the Committee has wisely taken up a strong attitude. And it is with regard to these two questions that the protagonists of the landlord interest will to-day put up a stubborn fight by pressing several amendments for the acceptance of the Council. The minute of dissent which Sir Dinshaw Petit has appended to the report is so devoid of any semblance to fact or logic as to put him entirely out of court. Thus, in demanding a limit of Rs. 100 he goes so far as to assert that there has been no profiteering on a large scale and that the considerable latitude allowed to tenants by courts in ejectment cases is a sufficient relief for any hardship, forgetting that for one tenant who seeks the protection of the court there are ninety-nine who cannot or do not seek it.

Amendments to Oppose.

Much the same may be said of the minute of dissent of Mr. Manmohandas Ramji which is similarly prompted by an excessive regard for the grabbing demands of the landlords and a failure to realise the main objects of the Bill. The proposal of Mr. Chunilal Mehta that instead of the lump ten per cent. increase above the standard rent provided in the Bill, the enhancement should be five per cent. of such rent for each year up to a maximum of twenty-five per cent., however, wears a seductive appearance and we must warn the members of the Council against being tempted into accepting it by any manipulation of statistics that may have an air of plausibility. The main argument of Mr. Chunilal is that the ten per cent. increment is given for the normal rise of rent that accrues to owners of properties even in absence of war conditions, and that the average yearly rise in rents is five per cent. As to this we must make it clear that the ten per cent. increase is not given on any such consideration altogether but mainly on the same ground of increased cost all round, due to abnormal war conditions, on which relief has been given to or needed by other classes of people. But though the proposal is put forward in a plausible way, it does not bear scrutiny for a moment. It makes the landlords a present of a 25 per cent. rise in five years which is out of all proportion with any reasonable or legitimate development in the value of house property.

A Successful Educational Venture.

The account of the working of the General Education Institute, Dadar, contained in its latest report—a copy of which is before us—is encouraging to those who are anxious to see education spread among the masses and is also a striking illustration of the devoted and energetic efforts made by non-official workers in the cause of education. It was in 1889 that a few enthusiasts formulated a scheme of establishing schools in Northern Konkan, the main object of which was to sow broadcast the seeds of education, and selected Dadar as a fit place to make a beginning. Soon after two branches were opened at Kalyan and Thana and all the three schools prospered so rapidly that it was thought advisable to place them under the control of an organised body. This led to the formation of the Institute which now conducts five schools, two at Dadar,—one of which is a high school—one each at Kalyan, Thana Karjat and Sholapur and through these institutions carries on the work it has taken upon itself, well and unostentatiously.

Gokhale Education Society.

There were few causes so close to the heart of the late Mr. Gokhale as that of education. And it is striking testimony to the influence which his spirit continues to exercise on his countrymen that most of the memorials to him have been raised with the object of promoting this cause. In Bombay, on the occasion of the third anniversary of his death, on the 19th February last, the Gokhale Education Society was formed with the main object of starting educational institutions and, by imparting liberal education to the young, to further the great aspiration the departed leader cherished. The New English School, C. P. Tank,—a successful institution,—has been handed over to this Society to serve as a nucleus of its activities. The Society has, moreover, been able to secure the services of five energetic young graduates—Messrs. T. A. Kulkarni, S. B. Wadhavakar, B. S. Sanzgiri, D. G. Mulherker and S. R. Bhise. While it starts with these initial advantages the Society cannot expect to realise its aims without ready and generous assistance from the public. It has already begun collecting funds, the boys of the school having volunteered to do their bit for their institution. It is hoped that the generous support expected from the public, will not be denied.

Official and Personal.

The Government of Bombay have received information that all persons proceeding to the Union of South Africa, who are not British subjects, must take on their passports the visa of a competent British Authority.

A deputation of the Satara Home Rule League branch is proceeding to Poona to present Mr. Tilak with a purse in connection with the Home Rule League deputations to England. Another purse of Rs. 1,000 is to be presented to Mr. Kelkar personally.

Sir John Anderson's condition is officially described as critical.

H. Hughes, formerly deputy chief engineer, Burma Railway, died suddenly at Naintu on Thursday.

Her Excellency the Lady Willingdon visited the Naval Fund Depot this morning and also attended a meeting of the Working Committee of the Red Cross on Friday. Her Excellency was present at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

GREAT GERMAN OFFENSIVE BEGINS.

THREE ENCOUNTERS IN THE SEA.

GREAT OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED.

FIGHT OVER 50 MILES FRONT.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 5 p.m., Mar. 22.

Field-Marshal Haig's communiqué to-night says:—The enemy opened heavy bombardment towards dawn on the whole front in the neighbourhood of Vendeuil and south of St. Quentin to the river Scarpe. We made a raid in the neighbourhood of St. Quentin and brought back prisoners and three machine-guns. We also took prisoners south-east of Messines and south of Houthoulst Forest and repulsed a raid in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

LATER.

A French communiqué says towards the end of the night, there was intense prolonged bombardment in sectors north and south-east of Rheims, also at various points in Champagne where the Germans made several abortive attempts. Enemy bombardment on the right of the Meuse became very violent last night. A strong attack followed between the Caurieres Wood and Bezonvaux, but after a violent hand-to-hand struggle we drove back the enemy from some points into which in the first rush he had succeeded in penetrating. We took some prisoners.

After a lively artillery fire, the enemy attacked at 1-30 in the morning in the region of Momeny in Lorraine, but our fire repulsed him with serious losses.

ATTACK NOT A SURSPRISE.

MR. BONAR LAW'S ASSURANCE.

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the German attack extended over fifty miles from the Scarpe to the Oise. It was an offensive on the largest scale of the war. The information at present showed that one part of our outpost troops where the line was very lightly held, had withdrawn to a battle-zone according to prearranged instructions. Information indicated that nothing beyond this had occurred. There was nothing in the nature of a surprise and what had occurred need not cause any alarm. The attack had been launched in the very part of our line where it had been expected. Moreover, the Headquarters, three days ago, had been advised that the attack would be launched immediately. Mr. Bonar Law concluded "I am justified in saying that as the attack did not surprise us, as those responsible for our forces have foreseen and throughout believed that if such an attack came we were well able to meet it, anything that happened gives us no cause whatever for additional anxiety." (Cheers.)

OSTEND BOMBARDED.

FIVE ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

The Admiralty states that British monitors successfully bombarded Ostend this afternoon. A naval air squadron destroyed five enemy aircraft. British seaplanes were reconnoitring with minesweepers. There were no British casualties and all aeroplanes returned.

300 BOMBS DROPPED ON TOURNAI AERODROME.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

A British communiqué, referring to aviation, says the weather on Wednesday hindered flying. Our night fliers dropped three hundred bombs on the aerodrome south-west of Tournai and the dump north-east of St. Quentin. All returned.

ALLIES AND DUTCH SHIPPING.

DUTCH MINISTER'S AMICABLE ATTITUDE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

THE HAGUE, Mar. 21.
Recd. 1-5 a.m., Mar. 23.

In the Second Chamber Loudon, Foreign Minister, stated that the placing of ships at the disposal of Allies was not a breach of neutrality. Government had at first intended to refuse the use of Holland's shipping, but had reconsidered the matter in view of the fact that interests of her industries, shipping and colonies were involved. He said that the intention of the associated powers appeared to be requisition the whole of Holland's shipping outside Dutch ports, namely one million tons.

A long debate followed in which a number of members protested against the proposed agreement and criticised the attitude of Government.

Troelstra, leader of social democrats, said he hesitated to declare that Government was departing from neutrality and reserved decision until Government's reply He urged that Holland should endeavour to obtain wheat from the Ukraine.

Loudon will reply to-morrow.

BOMBARDMENT SOUTH OF SCARPE.

OUR GUNS REPLY VIGOROUSLY.

VOLLEY OF GAS SHELLS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 8 p.m., Mar. 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing at ten this morning, says the heavy enemy bombardment mentioned by Field-Marshal Haig, is extending practically over the whole British front south of the Scarpe. It is being followed by gas shells. Around Fleurbaix, the air is thunderous. Our guns are replying strenuously. No infantry movement has hitherto been reported. Weather is hazy making aerial observations almost impossible. Our troops are standing in readiness everywhere for anything that may happen.

BRITISH AERIAL SUPERIORITY.

8843 BOMBS ON ENEMY IN FEBRUARY

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 7-30 p.m., Mar. 22.

The Press Bureau states that excluding the raids on Germany, British and Australian airmen on the West front in February dropped 5,290 bombs during daytime and 3,553 during night. The enemy dropped 28 in daytime on areas occupied by the British and 1,768 during night.

SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA.

STRONG ENEMY FORCE AT MEDOBOMA

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 7-30 p.m., Mar. 22.

An East Africa communiqué says we are getting into contact with a strong enemy force in the Medoboma coastal area. A fresh column disembarking at Mozambique occupied Nampula, 110 miles inland.

BIG SCALE OFFENSIVE.

HEAVY MASSES OF INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 0-40 a.m., Mar. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, says:—Following the heavy bombardment which the Germans commenced against almost the whole of our front south of the Scarpe, the enemy launched an infantry attack on a big scale. Under cover of a smoke barrage, his infantry came over in dense waves on a front extending from the north of Langicourt to Gauche wood. At 10-50 there was hand-to-hand fighting in our front line at various points. Early morning mists had somewhat lifted and airmen were able to ascend. Details from battle line hitherto are scrappy and confused, but it seems certain that the Germans assumed the offensive on a big scale. The artillery duel is terrific, particularly in the region of ridges about St. Quentin which appear to be a main German objective.

Telegraphing in the evening the same correspondent says by employment of great masses of men and great weight of artillery, enemy appear to have penetrated the front line at certain spots between the Scarpe and Vendruil, but counter-measures have not yet been taken and the position is in a liquid state. Enemy's purpose seems to have been to launch converging attacks upon the two flanks of the Flesquieres salient with a view to cutting it off. This plan has been regarded as probable since similar attempts were seen at Cambrai in November.

NATIONAL MINERS' BALLOT ON MANSPOWER.

ADVERSE DECISION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 7-30 p.m., Mar. 22.

A National Miners' ballot has resulted in a majority of 28,756 votes against combing out 50,000 miners for the army as demanded by Government.

ARREST OF REVOLUTIONARY IN NEW YORK.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, Mar. 21.
Recd. 7-30 p.m., Mar. 22.

Sailendra Nath Ghose who was indicted at San Francisco with other Hindus and Germans charged with plotting a military uprising in India, has been arrested. He has been admitted to a bail of 25,000 dollars.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF DUNKIRK.

TWO OTHER ENCOUNTERS.

ENEMY DDSTROYERS SUNK

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 5 p.m., Mar. 22.

The Admiralty says:—Two British and three French destroyers off Dunkirk between four and five this morning engaged German destroyers which had previously bombarded the town for ten minutes. Two enemy destroyers and two torpedo-boats are believed to have been sunk. The survivors of two torpedo-boats were picked up. No Allied vessels were sunk. A British destroyer was damaged and reached the harbour. British casualties were slight. The French had no casualties.

ENCOUNTERS IN THE NORTH SEA.

ENEMY DESTROYERS LOST.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

A French communiqué says a division of French and British destroyers fought a detachment of German torpedo-boats in the North Sea between four and five in morning sinking two. Shortly afterwards the same division fought a second action with five large destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk. One German destroyer was sunk and two others probably lost. We captured some prisoners. It appears that three flotillas were ordered to bombard Dunkirk, Lapanne and Braydunes.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY DURING DUNKIRK ENGAGEMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

A Belgian communiqué says there was lively artillery activity on Wednesday. During the naval engagement on Wednesday night off Dunkirk, enemy vessels bombarded our coast towards Lapanne. There was a violent bombardment with poison gas shells against our batteries on the whole front and lasted throughout the day.

SHIPPING RETURNS LAST YEAR.

ALLIED ADVANTAGE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 5 p.m., Mar. 22.

The Press Bureau says:—An Admiralty statement summarises as follows, the shipping position at the end of the last year:—Losses: British, 7,790,000 tons; Foreign, 4,750.000 tons.

Gains: New Construction.—British, 3,031,000 tons; Foreign, 3,500,000 tons.

Enemy tonnage captured:—British, 780,000; Foreign, 1,800,000.

Total gains:—British, 3,800,000; Foreign, 5,383,000.

187 MILLIONS: GERMANY'S MONTHLY WAR BILL.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 21.
Recd. 5 p.m., Mar. 22.

In the Reichstag, Finance Secretary stated that Germany's monthly war costs were now 187,500,000 sterling.

INDIAN MARINE SHIPS FOR TRANSPORT.

DR. MACNAMARA'S DEFENCE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 0-40 a.m., Mar. 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bellairs suggested that Indian Marine ships Dufferin, Northbrook, Hardinge and Dalhousie should be released for transport duties instead of being used as inefficient warships. He affirmed that fine large British India boats were doing transport work in the Indian Ocean when owing to their speed they were suitable for the war zone.

Dr. Macnamara replied that the possibility of releasing ships mentioned from their present service had been considered in 1917, but the Admiralty had decided that it could not be done. He pointed out that the Hardinge had carried out a good deal of trooping work besides other duties. The steamers mentioned had done fine war service.

GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA.

TROTZKY FOR FRESH DEFENCE.

PATRIARCH DENOUNCES PEACE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Mar. 20.
Recd. 0-40 a.m., Mar. 23.

Austrians and Germans have occupied Souny five hours from Kharkoff. Enemy is also moving in the vicinity of Tino on the Petrograd-Moscow railway. These facts are arousing the serious suspicion that Austrians and Germans, in spite of the peace treaty, are planning the outflanking of Moscow and this explains the arrival of Trotzky in Moscow. He has submitted a bill for the defence of the country. If enemy's operations continue, Government will probably be transferred to Saratoff or Nijninovgorod.

The Patriarch of the Russian Church announces that the Church cannot support a peace which threatens to dismember and enslave the country. Three commissaries entrusted with the reorganisation of the navy have been mysteriously murdered.

AMERICAN FRIENDLINESS TO RUSSIA.

STILL TIME TO EXPEL GERMANS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MOSCOW, Mar. 21.
Recd. 1-5 a.m., Mar. 23.

The American Ambassador, asked whether in view of the ratification of peace, American consulates would leave Russia replied he would not leave Russia until forced. The American Government and people were too deeply interested in the prosperity of the Russian people to abandon Russia to Germans and would do their utmost to safeguard the real interests of the country If the brave patriotic Russian people would for a time abandon political disagreements and act resolutely and vigorously, they would be able to expel the enemy and guarantee a lasting peace for themselves and the whole world by the end of 1918. He added, "My Government still counts America as an ally of the Russian people and we are ready to help any government which will sincerely organise vigorous resistance to German invasion."

GERMANS EXPECTED IN PETROGRAD IN 2 OR 3 DAYS

CONTROL COMMISSION TO SIT THERE

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

The "Daily Chronicle's" correspondent in Petrograd says that the Germans are expected there in two or three days. It is reported that the German control commission will sit there.

INTERNMENT OF BRITISH AND TURKISH PRISONERS.

PROPOSAL OF NEUTRAL COUNTRY FOR DOMICILE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 0-40 a.m., Mar. 23.

Mr. Hope stated that Government had carefully considered the question of arranging for the internment of British and Turkish war prisoners in a neutral country, but this had been found impracticable owing to the difficulties of transporting the large number of Turkish prisoners from Egypt and Burma to any suitable neutral country.

TURKEY WANTS SLICE OF PERSIA!

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 20.
Recd. 0-40 a.m., Mar. 23.

According to a Turkish newspaper Turkey wants Maku and Kotur, in the extreme north-west corner of Persia.

ENGLISH RACING.

POETHLYN WINS GATWICK WAR NATIONAL.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 2-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

The following is result of the Gatwick War National:—

Poethlyn	1
Captain Dreyfus	2
Ballymacad	3

Seventeen ran. Won by four lengths; a bad third.

Betting:—Five to one against Poethlyn, 20/1 Captain Dreyfus, 7/1 Ballymacad.

CANADA'S MAN-POWER.

U. S. ENTRY INTO WAR.

PREMIER ON RUSSIAN DEFECTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

OTTAWA, Mar. 21.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Mar. 21.

Replying in the House of Commons to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's criticisms of his election methods, Mr. Borden declared, there never was an election conducted more fairly. He was convinced that the soldiers voted for the Government, because they realised, it was an administration determined to support them by every means in its power. And they would find that they were not mistaken. (Cheers).

Under the Military Service Act, 29,000 men had been enrolled, of whom 8,000 were obtained through the British recruiting mission in the United States. Canada's forces at the front were quite as efficient, determined and confident as ever. Mr. Borden outlined the activities of the Union Government, in encouraging the production of food and ships. In the latter connection, he expressed his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Government of the United States, in enabling 80,000 tons of steel to be purchased at the same price as was paid by the American Shipping Board.

As to the war situation the Premier referred to the entry of the United States, as certain more than to compensate for the disappointment in the Eastern theatre. But we should not despair of what Russia would do in future. Russia was like a giant, long fettered, struggling to his feet. He bruises himself and perhaps overturns those who help him, but Russia would eventually gain its feet and take its part as a great nation in the affairs of the world.

Mr. Borden deprecated the talk of peace while the world was threatened with Prussian domination. "Let us confront the issue with a steady resolve. Let us undertake our duty and carry on our work in the same spirit and with the same unselfish devotion as our heroic countrymen, who hold Canada's battle line beyond the sea." (Prolonged cheers).

MEN AND OFFICERS IN TURKISH HANDS,

LARGE NUMBER OF DEATHS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 19.
Recd. 8 p.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope stated that out of 438 British officers and 3,870 men captured by the Turks, 32 officers and 274 men had been repatriated or had escaped while 14 officers and 1,413 men had died. The figures exclude 1 officer and 635 men of the Kut garrison who have never been traced. Out of 221 Indian officers and 7,169 men captured, 6 officers and 1,146 men had been repatriated or had escaped while 4 officers and 1,298 men had died.

REDRESS FOR BRITISH WAR PRISONERS.

TRANSFER OF GERMAN PRISONERS TO EAST COAST.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 8 p.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope stated that Government was determined to ensure redress for British war prisoners who had been improperly treated. He also stated that it had been thought desirable to transfer a number of German officers from the west of England to the East Coast. This was not a reprisal or a punishment. The climate of Kent and Essex coast was probably better than that of a number of prison camps in Germany. (Cheers.)

A DOCTOR DECORATED.

FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY IN ACTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

The "London Gazette" announces that the Military Cross has been awarded to Captain J. J. Nelson, Indian Medical Service, for conspicuous gallantry in action. He tended the wounded in the open for a long period. Although exposed to heavy fire of all descriptions he showed fearlessness throughout and his example was of great value to all.

COTTON CRISIS.

NEW DEVELOPMENT.

C. T. A. AND BROKERS COME TO UNDERSTANDING.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING ON MONDAY.

TO FORMULATE CONCRETE PROPOSAL.

There has been a fresh development of the Cotton crisis since yesterday and one of considerable importance. After the unfortunate decision arrived at by the Directors of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association on Thursday became known efforts were at once set on foot to reopen the matter and bring about, if possible, an understanding between that body and the Brokers' Association.

As a result a joint meeting of the Directors of the Association was held yesterday with the representatives of the Cotton Brokers' Association, when, after considerable discussion an understanding was come to which is framed in the following resolution which was passed by the meeting.

"That a meeting be called for Monday 25th instant at 12 noon at the Office in the Fort consisting of five members each of the following bodies, viz :—

The Bombay Cotton Trade Association Ltd.
The Bombay Cotton Exchange.
The Bombay Cotton Brokers' Association.
The Bombay Millowners' Association.
The Japanese Cotton Shippers' Association.
The Bombay Muccadams' Association.
Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

for the purpose of formulating a concrete proposal which should then be put before a general meeting of the whole trade and, if generally approved, the Controller of Prices should be requested if necessary to confirm the decision arrived at. In the meanwhile the market and all rooms should be closed from 2 p.m. to-day for both ready and forward transactions and a circular issued to the Members of all Associations requesting them to enter into no business and informing them that any contract entered into will not be recognised by the various Associations. The due date of 25th March contract should be postponed until a settlement is arrived at. The Controller of Prices to be invited to attend the meeting of the representatives of the various Associations on Monday next.

"It was further resolved that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded at once to all Associations interested and to Controller of prices."

Immediately after it was notified by order of the Directors that in pursuance of the above resolution the rooms at the Association at Colaba would be closed until further notice.

£50 FOR £400 WORTH SHARES.

QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT RE-OFFICIAL EXPENSES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 2-45 p.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Currie affirmed that an officer's widow was charged over £50 sterling, as official expenses in Madras, for the completion of her title to £400 worth of shares in the Madras Rupee Company.

Mr. Fisher replied that if Mr. Currie would give the officer's name an inquiry would be made.

PROVISIONS OF ROYAL WARRANT OF DECEMBER.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUTTING INTO EFFECT IN INDIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Yate, Mr. Fisher stated that arrangements would be announced in India shortly for putting into effect the provisions of the Royal Warrant of December 3rd, 1917, including the extension of the period for electing to take pension on the completion of 22 years' service.

SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

M. MAURA TO FORM NEW MINISTRY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MADRID, Mar. 21.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Mar. 22.

After frequent consultations with the King, M. Garcia Prieto has absolutely refused to form a Ministry and M. Maura has been instructed to form a Cabinet.

APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMICS PROFESSOR

DISCUSSION IN SENATE.

MERITS OF EXPERTS.

A meeting of the Senate was held on Friday night in the University Hall, Mr. C. H. Setalvad presiding.

The Vice-Chancellor referred at the outset to the deaths of Professor Nelson Fraser, and Rao Bahadur V. N. Pathak which had left a great void in the University. Referring to the death of Sir William Wedderburn, he said, sufficient had been said in another place about the loss sustained by the country by his removal and he would not waste the Senate's time by referring to it at great length, again.

Consideration was given to the report of the Committee appointed by the Senate on the 7th July 1917 to consider, and report to the Senate on, the scheme for a School of Economics and Sociology be deleted." the Syndicate.

Dr. Harold H. Mann moved: That the report of the Committee and the revised scheme submitted therewith be approved and adopted and that effect be given to the scheme when suitable persons were available from the Professorship and other appointments referred to therein.

Mr. Percy Anstey moved an amendment: "That the words "and possessed also an intimate knowledge of Indian conditions' occurring in clauses (a) and (b) of paragraph 2 of the revised scheme for a School of Economics and Sociology be detailed."

Dr. Mann said when he last placed this proposition before the Senate considerable amount of criticism was aroused, and the matter was therefore referred to a committee and the latter had settled all the points under dispute. The scheme had been modified and met with the approval of all, except one gentleman, The first modification was that the amount of grnt by the University had been increased to Rs. 55,500 per annum leaving the cost of Rs. 7,000 to be made up from the ordinary finances of the University. The remaining money was provided from the special fund which had been granted by the Government. The next thing was that the school would be managed directly by the Syndicate, or such a standing committee as the latter might appoint. The third point was that the man who would occupy the post of professor of economics must be a man who had done some research work in some branch of economics, and must be also possessed of some knowledge of Indian conditions.

INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF INDIA REQUIRED.

The professor must have an intimate knowledge of Indian conditions along with the other conditions. But if an eminent man were willing to come to India for a period of five years they were willing to waive the condition of intimate knowledge of India. They all wanted to get the best man, who must be of a type higher than they got for the professorships in their colleges. If the Syndicate could get a man of international repute the Syndicate would waive the condition of knowledge of Indian conditions. That was the live they must take in this matter. They were all thankful to the generosity of the Government. The school would be first the research school to be established on the side of India, and he hoped that it would be worthy of the University and also of the position which India would occupy in the near future. It marked a new step in the direction taken by the University.

Mr. K. Natrajan in seconding the motion said if their aim and ideal was the advancement of truth for truth's sake then everything would follow. He regretted that the process of training the people of this country for research work had not been done and it was for that purpose that a man with an intimate knowledge of Indian conditions was required.

THE BEST MAN WANTED.

Mr. P. Anstey in moving his amendment said if there were two candidates of equal attainments only then should preference be given to the candidate who had an intimate knowledge of Indian conditions. This proviso of intimate knowledge of Indian conditions was proposed in the Committee by Mr. Natrajan and supported by Sir Stanley Reed, both of whom had come to the meeting with the advantage of knowledge of the views of other members of that body; they had also come to that committee meeting with their minds already made up, and with fixed gaze on their object. The number of specialists in economics was very small in India, and it was better to import the best man they could find for their purpose.

Col. Evans seconded the amendment.

THE EXPERTS!

Mr. K. Natrajan said he fought shy of all the so called experts. He knew what sort of experts these were. He had lately been reading a book on India written by an Englishman who had lived in this country for over 12 years, and he was surprised at the mistakes it contained, which would have made a Hindu school-boy laugh. The longer the Europeans lived in India the less they knew about it. They would never understand the Indian point of view. Indians were born in India and it was in their blood. One thing he expected from an intimate knowledge of Indian conditions was that it would remove to a great extent the embitterment which was being caused among the educated people of this country. They must train men. The only way in which new methods were discovered was by blundering through. He would rather have twenty Indians belundering through than have fifty European so called experts. These people were called experts simply because they had more facilities for book-making than the Indians had, and he himself could have made dozens of books. He had spent hours and hours in reading the books by these experts, and he knew what sort of experts they were and it was better not to speak about them at all. Let the young Indians work out their own methods than get ready made methods from the Andamans or the Todas Only in this country were they told that if a man was brought out for five years he would learn all the secrets of the society in that short period. He opposed the amendment strongly.

Dr. Arthur Powell said that the amendment was no amendment at all. When Mr. Anstey spoke of other qualifications being equal the speaker forced he had not taken into consideration the contour of the face, the difference in expression and colour between the rivals (laughter). If he and Mr. Anstey were the rival candidate for the post no doubt Mr. Anstey would be the recognised man of his own ability and the speaker would be a recognised man of his own personal ability (laughter). He opposed the amendment.

A SIMPLE ISSUE

Sir Stanley Reed said the point at issue was a very simple one and had been threshed out thoroughly. No man could teach economics in this country who had no intimate knowledge of Indian sociology. It would be of no use having a man who was not intimately acquainted with Indian sociological conditions.

Dr. Harold Mann in replying said only Indians could do the work well, and he firmly believed that. When they got the right sort of man he hoped that their school would be famous throughout the world for its work.

Mr Anstey protested against the insinuation that he said that only a foreigner could do the work better.

The motion was then put to vote and carried, the amendment having been thrown out.

NEW POONA COLLEGE EXTENSION.

The Senate then considered the report of the Syndicate with reference to an application from the Chairman of the Shikshan Prasarak Mandali, for an extension of the New Poona College up to the standard of the B A. Degree.

Principal A. L. Covernton moved:

"That, as recommended by the Syndicate, the New Poona College be affiliated to the University as a full grade College for the purpose of teaching the B.A. course, subject to the following conditions:—

That the College shall for the present teach only the Pass and Honours courses for the B.A. Examination in English, Sanskrit, History and Philosophy, and the Pass course only in Mathematics: in 1918-19 there shall be only a Junior B.A. class; That the new block of buildings shall be in such a state of completion by June 20th that classes may conveniently be conducted in it; that the number of students in the Senior and Junior B.A. classes shall not exceed 75 each; that the acquisition of a suitable site outside Poona shall be immmediately proceeded with and a report made to the Syndicate on the matter before June 1st, 1918: and that the Mandali shall report annually in June during the next three years what funds are available and what are its plans for the erection of buildings for the College on the new site; that the affiliation of the College as a full grade College shall be provisional for three years and will be reconsidered in the year 1920-1.2"

Mr. D. G. Padhye seconded.

Professor Limaye thought that the situation of the College in Poona was not all what it was to be desired. He hoped to see Poona become another University centre with the introduction of one or two more colleges. He suggested that the New Poona College should apply for land in that part of the town where the Town Planning Act was going to be put into operation, or that the University should make a recommendation to the Government that they should make a grant to that College of the necessary land.

Moulvie Rafiuddin Ahmed regretted that no arrangements had been made for the teaching of Persian

Dr. Mann said if any gentleman was willing to give the necessary funds, the College would be only too willing to appoint a Persian professor. He agreed with Prof. Limaye that there would be another University in Poona.

Sir Stanley Reed heartily supported the proposal and said Poona was just the place for another University centre.

The proposal was then carried.

A SCIENCE MEDAL.

On the motion of Dr. Mann, seconded by Sir R. T. Nariman, the Syndicate accepted the offer of Rs. 10,000 in 3½ per cent. Government Promissory Notes from Miss Bachoobai Ardeshir F. Moos for the foundation of a Gold Medal for the encouragement of the study of Science in the University in memory of her late brother, Mr. Kaikhosru Ardeshir F. Moos, to be awarded annually at the Examination for the Degree of Master of Science.

The Senate on the motion of Dr. Surveyor, recognised the Civil Hospital, Karachi, for the purpose of the study of M.D. and M.S. examinations. They also agreed to the request of the P. E. students to hold the written part of that examination in Poona.

The Senate then adjourned.

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THE RENT BILL.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—You have done a great service to the Bombay Public or to speak more particularly to the tenant class in Bombay by your able advocacy of their cause without which certainly the Bombay Rent Bill, would not have seen the light of the day. Though a landlord, I welcome the Bill, as its object is simply to check rack renting, and thereby afford the much needed relief to the tenants. The Bill is certainly not meant to deprive the landlords of any of their proprietory rights, excepting that of increasing the rents of their properties at their sweet will. A clause in the Bill, however, which seems to have been overlooked by the landlords, deprives them of their long-established right to eject a tenant without assigning any cause whatsoever, as hithertofore. According to the clause, as long as a tenant pays his rent regularly and does not violate any of the conditions of his tenancy, he cannot be ejected. Now Sir, I don't see how this clause assists in checking rack renting, which can be effectively checked even if the clause were to be deleted from the Bill, as landlords will not find it advantageous to eject their old tenants, having no chance of going higher rent from the new ones. Hence the clause is superfluous. Consequently there is no earthly reason why the landlords should be deprived of their rigth to eject an undesirable tenant, without assigning any cause as hithertofore. If the clause were to be retained it would surely cause more mischief than good, as there are certain tenants—and fortunately they are few—who are always up to mischief, who will begin to defy their landlords, and try to harass them as much as they can, once they know that the onus of proving that they are a nuisance to their neighbours or their landlords rests upon the latter, and the difficulty of always bringing home their guilt to them (the tenants) in a Court of Law. This will certainly not conduce to any happy relations between the tenants and the landlords, which is certainly not desirable, nor the object of the Rent Bill. Landlords therefore ought to protest against the clause in the Bill, before it is too late to repent.—Yours, etc.,—

A SUBSCRIBER.

Bombay, Mar. 21.

OF INTEREST TO MOTORISTS.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Details of an experiment of interest to motorists in time of petrol shortage.

One pint of ordinary methylated spirits was purchased, as. 12 being paid for spirits and bottle. Allowing one anna for the bottle I calculate that the spirits cost as.88 per gallon.

One quart of ordinary kerosene oil (brand unknown) was purchased at an Irani's shop for as. 2½. Thus the kerosene costs as. 10 per gallon.

The spirits and kerosene were made into a mixture in the proportion of 1 to 4 by volume. This mixture, of course, separates out but from the result obtained this appears to be no objection.

A small tank was connected by means of a rubber pipe to the carburettor of an Overland Motor Car, the carburettor being previously emptied of petrol. The engine started up quite well and the car ran without any abnormality. The car was run until this mixed fuel was completely used up and measurement of fuel and distance showed that 12 miles per gallon was obtained.

The cost of the mixture as purchased works out at as. 25.6 per gallon whereas petrol costs (when you can get it) as. 28.5 per gallon. Obviously the mixture could be made up more cheaply if the kerosene and spirits were purchased in quantities.

Although the spirits and kerosene are not mixable it appears that being shaken up in the fuel tank of a running car they form some sort of an emulsion which in the ordinary carburettor produces a gas which fires satisfactorily in the cylinder. Indeed in the case of the Overland in which this experiment was tried to-day the mileage on the spirits-kerosene mixture was distinctly better than the mileage obtained recently from the so-called petrol which is now available in small quantity. I give these details for what they are worth and have to acknowledge my indebtedness for the idea to a lady whom I do not know but who told me on Sunday that she was running her small car on this spirits-kerosine mixture.—Yours, etc.

AD REM.

Sandhurst House,

Merewether Road, March, 21.

[We believe this mixture is already known to and has been used by taxi-drivers in Bombay since the petrol shortage became acute:—Editor "B. C."]

The additional City Magistrate of Karachi fined a Bania of Tando Mohamedthan, Hyderabad, ten rupees for carrying a plague infected person by train from Tando Mahomedthan to Karachi City. The patient who was the accused's mother died in the train and on arrival at Karachi the accused professed ignorance of the cause of death. The post mortem revealed the death was caused by the plague.

INTERNMENT OF SWAMI SATYADEVA.

HIS REPLY TO GOVT. COMMUNIQUE.

CHARGES AGAINST HIM CHALLENGED.

(From a correspondent.)

MOTIHARI, Mar. 21.

We have received the following from Swami Satyadeva, Motihari.

It is too much to take seriously the Press Communique issued by the Bihar Government regarding my internment. To make such statements against a man of my education and standing in public life is simply ludicrous. This not fair play. I challenge the informants or the Government to prove the charges before any impartial judge. The following has been sent to the Bihar Government in answer to their Press Communique:—

"The Government have issued a Press Communique which has appeared in the "Statesman" on the 20th March 1918, giving reasons for their order of my internment. I am surprised to find that the Government has been absolutely misinformed. I have never appeared to the Hindu community to protect cattle at the cost of every sacrifice, have never incited them to consider the numerical inferiority of the Mahomedans and never invited them to defy the forces which are at the disposal of the Government for the maintenance of law and order. In my recent Patna lecture I tried to trace out historically the origin and reasons of he Hindu reverence for the cow and how the preservation of the cow was considered religious and economically necessary for the well-being of the Indians. While so doing I touched upon the Shahabad Bakrid riots, denouncing the conduct of those Hindus who had maltreated the Mahomedans and said that the Government might handle such question delicately considering the deep-rooted respect of the Hindus for the cow and suggested that the Government might have the riot cases tried the ordinary courts or by a mixed commission of Hindus and Mahomedans and not by special tribunals. During the last four years I have not spoken more than thrice on the cow question in Behar. As one who has the interests of India at heart and as a *sanyasi* I could never have uttered a word which would even remotely have the effect of inciting Hindus against Mahomedans or against law and order. I trust the Government will make a thorough enquiry in the matter of the misrepresentation and remove the wrong impression which migth be created in the mind of the public by the absolutely incorrect statement made in the communique.

EXPORT OF PEARLS.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—May I crave the hospitality of your columns for the following lines?

In all civilized countries whenever the Government intends to take some drastic action regarding any trade, it first discusses with the representatives of that trade the advisability or their intended action and comes to a final decision only after it gets itself thoroughly acquainted with their views. Since the beginning of this terrible war the British Government has been following this course, and the French Government too, when it lately intended to prohibit the importation of pearls in France, consulted the representative of this trade in Paris, and finding that the Paris trader is more or less a middleman between the shipper and the consumer it did not take any action in the matter except that the Paris importer has now to get authorisation for all imports from his government, and this procedure also is quite formal.

But, Sir, the ways of our government are quite wonderful. Three years ago, in its ignorance of the conditions of the pearl trade in India, it imposed an import customs duty of 7½ per cent. on pearls, and the representatives of the trade at once made representations to the Finance Member and you, Sir, took an energetic part in it. The result was that within a week the imposed duty was withdrawn. To-day suddenly the announcement comes from Delhi that in the interests of exchange facilities the Government of India has decided to prohibit the export of pearls out of British India. This announcement will prove a serious blow to thousands in this trade, because prices of pearls will go down heavily and those holding large stocks will be hard hit. At the same time business in pearl trade will be largely suspended and those that are hard hit will also find themselves without employment. Of course we, pearl dealers, are ready to make any sacrifice for the purpose of bringing a successful issue to this war but what we contend is that the measure proposed by Government is extremely defective. In the interests of exchange facilities Government could have put an embargo on the export of pearls to the United Kingdom. but the prohibitions to all foreign countries is simply meaningless, and will only bring terrible losses to traders holding large stocks. Moreover during the next fishery season, pearls will be directly exported by Bombay dealers from Bahrein, Persian Gulf, to London and remittances will be received in India, thus again creating exchange difficulties and nullifying the object of the present prohibition. Let the British Government prohibit the importation of pearls into the United Kingdom and their whole purpose will be served. In view of the above it is hoped, Sir, that the Government will find its way to cancel the present prohibition, if not totally, at least in favour of the United States of America and the Far East.—Yours, etc.,

TARACHAND H. KHANNA.

Bahia Building,
Pydownie.
Bombay, Mar. 22.

In trade returns for February 1918 published by the Department of Statistics, India, imports amounted to £8,826,000, an increase of £1,990,000 and exports to £12,100,000, a decrease of £724,000 over the figures for the corresponding months of 1917. Imports during February of the pre-war year 1914, amounted to £4,978,000 and exports to £16,915,000.

CRISIS IN RUMANIA.

THE MARGHILOMAN MINISTRY-

FULL OF PARTISANS OF CENTRAL POWERS,

(Reuter's Telegram.)

BALE, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

A telegram from Jassy received *via* Vienna says that the Marghiloman Ministry consists exclusively of the partisans of the Central Powers.

RESTRICTED USE OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

SCHEME OUTLINED IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons the President of the Board of Trade announced the scheme of restrictions affecting all users of gas and electricity to five-sixths of what they used in the corresponding quarters in 1917, applicable to twenty-three counties south of the line from Wash to Bristol excepting munition-wors, hospitals etcetera. The scheme necessitated considerable reductions in the London trams and the underground railways, abolished the illumination of shop-windows and closed restaurants at half-past-nine and all places of amusement at half-past-ten.

The scheme for Ireland was being considered. Sir A. Stanley forecasted the immediate cancellation of a very considerable number of passenger trains. He mentioned that Germany had reduced the train service by fifty-five per cent. and there had been considerable other reductions since the tramways in some cases had been reduced by 75 per cent.

GALLIPOLI OPERATIONS.

NO SPECIAL MEDAL OR RIBBON TO BE ISSUED AT PRESENT.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Mar. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Mar. 22.

In the House of Commons Mr. Macpherson sted it was not intended to issue at present the special Imperial medal or ribbon for the operations in Gallipoli.

SPANISH CABINET'S DEADLOCK.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

MADRID, Mar. 22.
Recd. 8 p.m., Mar. 22.

Maura has refused to form a Cabinet as Lacierva insisted on retaining the war ministry to which Maura disagreed.

RUMANIAN CABINET FORMED

GOVERNMENT OF PIGMY POLITICIANS.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

JASSY, Mar. 22.
Recd. 1-30 a.m., Mar. 23.

The Marghiloman Cabinet has been formed. It consists of insignificant. politicians including only one ex-minister. It is expected that peace pourparlers will be immediately resumed.

MR. TILAK'S DEPUTATION.

YEOTMAL'S CONFIDENCE.

(From a correspondent.)

YEOTMAL, Mar. 21.

The following resolution was passed at a general meeting of the District Association, Yeotmal, held on the 20th instant:—

"Resolved that this District Association expresses its full confidence in the personnel of the deputation of the Indian Home Rule League and trusts that the efforts of the deputation in England will soon succeed in breaking down the barriers of the Sydenhamite and other opposition and serve to win the support and enlist the sympathies of the British Democracy for the cause of Home Rule for India and secure at an early date for the Mothercountry the boon of Swaraj for which her children have been fighting so long."

TANJORE'S FAITH.

TANJORE, Mar. 19.

At a public meeting held under the auspices of the Tanjore Home Rule League on the 16th instant at Sri Besant Lodge, Mr. Mir Fuzlai Ali, presiding, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

"That this meeting authorises Mr. Tilak, India's Tribune, to demand in England our birthright, Home Rule.

"That this meeting wishes godspeed to his holy mission and prays for his safe voyage.

"That this meeting requests Mr. N. K. Ramasami Iyer, to represent the Tanjore Home Rule League at the Second Conference of the All-India Home Rule League at Bombay on the 26th instant.

"That this meeting requests Mr. Tilak to alight at Tanjore on his way to Colombo."

"That a Committee composed of Messrs. Mir Fuzlai Ali, T. Kothanda Rama Iyengar, E. Surianarayana Iyer, T. A. Ramaschandra Chithar, B. Narayanasami Row, P. V. Kistnasami Naig and the Secretaries of the League to make the necessary arrangements to accord a hearty reception to Mr. Tilak at Tanjore."

"That the Chairman be authorised to communicate by wire the first resolution to Mr. Tilak."

Intimation has been received that Mr. K. Ananda Rao of King's College, Cambridge, has been awarded the Smith's prize.

LATEST CABLES.

ENEMY ATTEMPT TO BREAK THROUGH.

PLAN OF DASHING TO PARIS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Recd. 2-10 a.m., Mar. 23.

The battlefield of Cambrai is the scene of the opening of the great German offensive which the enemy has been endeavouring to mask by subsidiary attacks at several points, namely in the Belgian sector, at Rheims, in Champagne and at Verdun, without deceiving General Haig who was thoroughly prepared to meet the main onslaught when it was launched yesterday against the British right between the rivers Scarpe and Oise, in the neighbourhood of St. Quentin. The probable object of the Germans is to drive a wedge between the British and the French, and advance on Paris by the valley of the Oise, simultaneously turning the whole French left. Experts anticipate that enemy's tremendous rush will gain ground at certain points, and that he will strike hard in other sectors in order to pin down the British and French reserves and endeavour to find a week point in the line, but every confidence is fel int the ability of the British troops sanguinarily to repulse the enemy. In view of the certainty that the advance will be finally checked after preliminary gains, experts in London find the German action in putting everything to hazard the inexplicable, unless on the ground that the situation in Germany is more serious than was supposed and that her rulers are driven to this desperate venture.

ENORMOUS NUMBER OF GUNS.

Mr. Hamilton Fyffe, wiring from France, says Germans assembled an enormous number of guns for preliminary bombardment but this was not of long duration. It began at five in the morning and at seven some German units had already left the trenches and attacked with heavy and light machineguns. The engagement became general between nine and ten on front of twenty-five miles. The right of the German attack aimed at Croisilles, Bullecourt and Lagnicourt, while the left wing pushed in the direction of Ronssey and Hargicourt. Everywhere enemy suffered severely. Fighting in the afternoon developed, into hard local struggles for points of vantage like brickfield near Croisilles and ruined farmhouses and canal locks, but it is useless at present to attempt to give details. One thing is clear that enemy for the first time for two years has begun an attempt to break through.

TO RECOVER HINDENBURG TRENCHES.

Mr. Percival Phillips, wiring from France, says the German army South of the Scarpe seems to have delivered the first blow principally in the triangle between the Arras-Cambrai and Bapaume-Cambrai roads, while the army South of Cambrai is striking against our trench systems in the region West of the Scheldt canal. The enemy doubtless hopes by the junction of both armies to cut off a considerable slice of the British front and recover all Hindenburg trenches lost four months ago.

THE REAL THING.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, wiring from France, says at the moment there are only scraps of news, unconfirmed rumours and vague tidings of men hard pressed but holding out against repeated onslaughts. Hours must pass before it is clear how much the enemy has gained and failed to gain at the first blow. Our troops are fighting not merely for their own lives but for the fate of England and of all our race. To-day's battle is not bluff but apparently the real thing in all its brutal force. One thing is certain, and that is the supreme valour of our men whatever happens.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS BY TURKS

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Mar. 21.
Recd. 1-30 a.m., Mar. 23.

Replying to Mr. Peto in the House of Commons Mr. Hope said the agreement for reciprocal repatriation of British and Turkish prisoners was on grounds of health not length of captivity. It had been signed and was awaiting ratification by Turkey.

Replying to Mr. Stewart he said a lot of information from repatriated men respecting Turkish internment camps showed that conditions were not more unfavourable than was expected. There was a slight tendency towards better treatment of prisoners in Turkey, but her difficulties were growing owing to the increasing scarcity and dearness of provisions and the depreciation of the Turkish paper currency.

MINERS' INTERVIEW PREMIER.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S STRAIGHT TALK

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Recd. 1-30 a.m., Mar. 23.

Mr. Lloyd George told the executive of the Miners' Federation yesterday who presented the figures of the ballot on the subject of combing out that the men required would be recruited for the army. The "Daily Mail" says the Premier was greatly moved by the news from the front. He addressed the Miners' delegates on the subject of combing out most emphatically. His references to the military situation and his insistence that the miners' vote if acted upon would mean the installing of Bolshevism in Great Britain had an almost staggering effect on the delegates.

ANNA VALUATION OF CROPS.

MR. KAMAT'S MOTION LOST.

MUNICIPALITIES AND PRIMARY EDUCATION.

BURDEN OF COST DISCUSSED.

The Bombay Legislative Council resumed its sittings in the Council Hall, Secretariat, Bombay, yesterday, H. E. Lord Willingdon, Governor of Bombay, presiding.

Mr. B. S. Kamat moved the following resolution:

"This Council recommends that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to direct that for purposes of granting suspensions or remissions of land-revenue owing to failure of crops, the anna-valuation of crops be made through the agency of the Agricultural Department, instead of by the Officers of the Revenue Department."

Mr. Kamat said the proposal was a simple and fair one. The rules under which suspensions and remissions were at present made were fair and liberal enough, but the agriculturists did not derive full benefit from these rules on account of the fact that the valuation of crops was done by Revenue officers. He did not suggest that these officers were deliberately partial, but they were naturally likely to be swayed by considerations of revenue as long as human nature was what it was. It was therefore desirable to take away this work from the hands of the Revenue officers and transfer it to the Agricultural Department. This Department was expert in agriculture and could value crops much better than Revenue officers.

Mr. C. N. Seddon said the proposal was impracticable and impossible. The Agricultural Department as at present constituted had no staff to do the work and would not be able to do it.

MR. KEATINGG'S OPPOSITION.

Mr. G. F. Keatinge said the valuation of crops was not only a matter of expert knowledge but one of detailed investigation and beyond that one of common sense, and this detailed investigation was exactly the thing which the Agricultural Department as at present constituted could not do and would not be able to do for many years to come. The work of the Agricultural Department was to investigate, and to do research work, and, when results obtained were good, to introduce them among the agriculturists, and he would be sorry if his men were taken away from their proper work and asked to do the work as suggested in the resolution, which would seriously interfere with their proper work.

Devan Bahadur Godbole could not support the resolution, as what was wanted was the introduction of an element of the representation of the people themselves. The duties of valuation should be entrusted to such representative local bodies as Taluka Boards and District Local Boards, but this could be done only after the passing of the Village Panchayat Bill and the question of Local Self-Government was settled once for all.

MR. PATEL'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. V. J. Patel said the people must have an effective voice in the anna valuation, but under the present rules the power of suspension lay in the hands of the Collector alone. It was absolutely necessary that some agency should be created to do the work independently. He moved the following amendment:—

"This Council recommends that his Excellency the Governor-in-Council may be pleased to direct that for purposes of granting suspensions or remissions of land revenue owing to failure of crops anna valution be made through the agency of a Committee consisting of (1) the District Inspector of Agriculture (2) an expert agriculturist of the group of villages affected, to be nominated by the Taluka Local Board and (3) a leading member of the village or magnimous area concerned to be co-opted by the first two members with instructions that in case of disagreement each of the members should specify his own valuation and grounds on which it is based in order to enable the Collector to decide which valuation should be accepted for relief."

His Excellency the President observed that the amendment was altogether a new resolution and in ordinary circumstances he could not allow it to be moved. However he allowed it to be moved.

Mr. Pratt pointed out that "the District Agricultural Inspector" referred to by the Hon. Mr. Patel in the amendment did not exist at all.

Mr. Patel admitted the mistake and asked leave of his Excellency to substitute the words the "District Overseer."

His Excellency the President said that Mr. Patel ought to have had verified his statement beforehand. He could not allow the amendment.

CHIPS OF THE SAME BLOCK.

Mr. Belvi said that he could not see his way to support the resolution. It was a fact that people had a prejudice against the anna valuations made by Revenue Officers but he did not think that the right remedy was to hand over work to the Agricultural Department, as he was of opinion that both these departments were chips of the same block, and they might find later on that in the substitution of one department for the other they had got King Stork for King Log (Laughter).

Mr. G. K. Parekh supported the resolution which was, he said, only a half-way resolution. He agreed with Diwan Bahadur Godbole's proposal which was an old one. People had ceased to have confidence in the Revenue Officers, who made valuations only on eye observations. He thought that the handing to the Agricultural Department of this work would be better. He therefore asked the Council to support the resolution as a half way measure.

MR. UPASANI'S AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Mr. Upasani moved on amendment, associating five representatives of the districts concerned with the Agricultural Department.

Mr. F. G. Pratt said Collectors would be only too glad to be relieved of this work which was by no means a light one. Collectors performed the work with scrupulous fairness. He did not think the new machinery suggested would work as effectively as revenue officers, who possessed unique local knowledge and who were alive to the responsibility. He was of opinion that the valuation should be entrusted to responsible officers with knowledge of local conditions.

Mr. Purshotamdas Thakoredas opposed the amendment, which he said was a one-sided one and should be rejected. He asked Mr. Kamat to withdraw the resolution.

"A MATTER OF GRACE."

Mr. G. Carmichael said concessions were granted by Government only as a matter of grace and Government could not introduce any other responsibility in the valuation of crops. The machinery for this purpose was already there, and the machinery which Collectors possessed to ascertain where distress was likely to fall and to what extent was in the first instance, the village officers who reported to Mamlatdars, who in turn reported to Collectors. That was the only possible machinery under the present circumstances. As to the distrust of revenue officers which some honourable members had spoken of, he (the speaker) thought they meant the normal dislike which all taxpayers felt towards the assessment department and he did not think it was greater in India than in other parts of the world. He thought the suggestion to substitute the Agricultural Department for Revenue officers for purposes of valuation of crops was not practicable and he opposed the resolution.

Mr. Kamat, replying, said that the debate had brought out the fact that the machinery of the anna valuation was not going on quite well. It was also brought out that his resolution did not give the full remedy. He admitted that there were some difficulties in the way but if they were convinced of the necessity of such a measure, it was their business to think of the form that it should take.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S BEWILDERMENT.

H. E. the President said that as a landlord in another part of the world he had listened with great interest and some bewilderment to the debate. He was inclined at first to close in with Mr. Kamat's suggestion that the work should be done by the Agricultural Department, provided that its decision was accepted by the agriculturists. But this was a matter of landlords and tenants, the landlords in this case being the Government, and the tenants the farmers and he was very much bewildered at the suggestion put forward that some agency independent of both these parties should decide the matter for them. He owned very much indeed that he would have strongly objected to Parish and District Councils going round his farm and deciding what rent his tenants should pay, and that was the thing that was proposed by some honourable members for adoption as regarded the valuation of crops in this country. It had been suggested that some agency should be found which would secure the confidence both of Government and the people. But they would never be able to get any body popularly approved of when they went to assess rents. He agreed that there were some matters in which the machinery of the Revenue Department could be improved, but he believed that the revenue officers performed their duties with justice and fairness and with a desire that the farmers might live in happiness. As rent collectors they would never be popular but they might have this consolation that they had got the confidence of the Government of Bombay.

"NO GOOD."

It was no good bringing in resolutions of this character and saying there was want of trust in revenue officers. This was perfectly true, but would the honourable members, who said that, consider if they could create any body of men who could encourage confidence in farmers when they went to collect rents?

Both the amendments and the resolution were defeated.

PASSPORTS TO HYDERABAD EMIGRANTS

Mr. Harchandrai Vishindas moved the following reolution.

"That this Council recommends to his Excellency the Governor-in-Council that the present elaborate procedure for the issue of passports to persons leaving Hyderabad Sind for foreign countries, be so simplified as to cause the least possible delay and inconvenience."

Mr. Harchandrai said that very many persons from Hyderabad, Sind, had to be deputed to foreign countries by their masters who had big concerns in such countries. He described the elaborate process that a man had to pass through when applying for a passport and how the man was put to great inconvenience by having to go to and from various officials, from the Commissioner and Collector to the C. I. D. officers. The delays in this process were long. The harrassing questions and cross-examination as to whether the applicant was a member of the Home Rule League, whether he attended Home Rule meetings, who were his brothers who was his father—all this was of such a nature that the applicant wished, he had not accepted the post at all. The men were absolutely loyal and were going out of India to bring money which would be useful to themselves as well as the Government who were helped by their subscribing to war loans and taking up war bonds. He asserted that the passports were necesary but this elaborate process should be done away with.

GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Carmichael said Government were prepared to accept the resolution. Some action had already been taken in the matter by the Commissioner in Sind, who had decided that the aplication for a certificate of identity which had been referred to by Mr. Harchandrai, should be dispensed with, as also certificate No. 1. The Commissioner had also made another change which reduced the procedure followed in Sind to that followed in the Presidency proper. At present the applicant had to go to the Commissioner's office in Karachi, and Government were asking the Commisioner to dispense with that as in Bombay. He (the speaker) entirely agreed with Mr. Harchandrai's condemnation of the irrelevant enquiries which certain officers made when applicants appeared before them, and he was glad that Mr. Harchandrai had brought to the notice of Government that such irrelevent enquiries were made of applicants as to the income of their friends and relatives. Such enquiries were entirely unnecessary and orders would be given to see that nothing of the kind was done in the future. Government would look into the question as to whether it would be possible to have a bureau at Hyderabad. Government accepted the resolution as it asked them to simplify the procedure, but Government would make close scrutiny while granting passports.

The resolution was carried.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.

Mr. C. V. Mehta moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to his Excellency the Governor-in-Council that early steps be taken to provide a Physical Director and Physical Instructors to organize physical training in the schools and colleges of this Presidency."

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola said Government were in full sympathy with the object of the resolution and keen on the introduction and development of physical training in the schools and colleges of this Presidency. He was glad to inform them that Government were prepared to accept the resolution with a slight modification to the effect that a special branch should be organised under the charge of the Director of Public Instruction with a whole-time inspector and suitable instructors. Government would do all in their power for the physical training of students.

Mr. Mehta accepted the modification, and the resolution so modified was carried.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

Mr. Upasani moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends that the Matriculation Examination be recognised as qualifying test for Government service."

Mr. Upasani said that formerly both the Matriculation and the School Final Examinations were recognised as a qualifying test for Government service, and it was only recently that a ban had been placed against the Matriculation Examination in the Matter, and he hoped that ban would now be removed.

Mr. R. P. Paranjpye supported the resolution.

Mr. Lallubhai Samaldas, also supported.

Mr. Belvi was also of the same opinion.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTED.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla said that as the speeches of the various speakers had shown this was hardly a matter of practical politics, for whether the Council expressed its opinion in favour of the resolution or not did not really matter except to a certain extent, as the proposal of the University for an examination by a Joint Board had already been sanctioned by Government and there would be no two school-leaving examinations, and all who passed that examination would be qualified for joining Government service. The real question was about those who had passed the Matriculation examination in the past. As to that question, he would say that the option rested with employers to employ the best available talent. He had no hesitation in giving an assurance that the prohibition would not stand and Government had no objection to accept the resolution.

Mr. Upasani thanked Government for accepting the resolution.

The resolution was carried.

URDU TRAINING COURSE.

Mr. Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to his Excellency the Governor in Council that (1) a second year's course be added to the Urdu training class at Ahmedabad with a view to develop it into an Urdu Training College; and (2) that the class be removed to Poona with a view to develop it in time into an Urdu Training College."

Mr. Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer said:—A sufficiently large number of trained teachers was very necessary and he hoped the resolution would be accepted by Government. Poona was a more central place than Ahmedabad for the location of the class.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla said he was in the happy position of being able to accept this resolution also. Government had already made provision to provide for a second year's course in the Urdu Training Class. As to the location of the class, Government were quite prepared to accede to the wishes of the Mahomedan community to transfer the class to Poona if Government were satisfied that the Mahomedan community wanted its removal to Poona. The class had been located at Ahmedabad as an opinion had been expressed at that time that they should have Gujerati instead of Marathi, as a second language. Government would accept the resolution if the latter part if it was modified to the effect that the Council recommended to H. E. the Governor in Council "to consider the desirability of removing the class to Poona with a view to develop it in time into an Urdu Training College."

Mr. Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer accepted the modification, and the resolution so modified was carried.

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. V. J. Patel moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends that his Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to call for reports of the Divisional Commissioners in the Presidency whether any, and, if so, which of the municipalities constituted under section 14 of the District Municipal Act, in their respective divisions, are ripe for a constitution under section 10 of the Act."

Mr. Patel said he was confident that this resolution would receive the sympathy of Government. There were several municipalities which though half a century old had not yet received a constitution under section 10 of the Act. The time had come when those municipalities should either be abolished altogether or granted that constitution.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla said enquiries had already been made and Divisional Commissioners had been asked to report on the question. As the resolution asked that such enquiries should be made, he accepted the resolution.

The resolution was carried.

EDUCATION IN THE PRESIDENCY.

Mr. R. Paranjpye moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends that Government be pleased to add an alternative middle school branch to full primary schools by appointing one English teacher to every such school where there are likely to be twenty boys in the first three Anglo-Vernacular standards."

Mr Paranjpye said that the history of this question was about three years old, the first resolution of this nature being moved in 1915 by Mr. Upasani. Since then no action had been taken and therefore he proposed the present resolution. The proposal that he made, would meet with all the necessary wants without any heavy expenses. He wanted this to avoid the congestion in existing schools. This meant an employment of an English-knowing teacher in vernacular schools, of course under the headmaster. After all the study of English language was important, but this ought to be done at a small expense so as to tempt poor boys to take to its study, and by doing away with the inconvenience that the young boys were put to under present circumstances. The schools that he proposed would not entail upon Government a large expenditure. An undertaking was actually given by the Government three years back, but apparently nothing had been done in the matter. He therefore wanted the Government seriously to consider the question and carry out that undertaking.

Messrs. Upasani, Desai and Belvi supported.

"A REVOLUTIONARY PROPOSAL."

Mr. Covernton, Director of Public Instruction, said the proposal made by Mr. Paranjpye, was represented to be quite small, modest and inexpensive, but it was not so. The proposal would make a revolution in the system of vernacular education. He did not think that the teaching of English had improved in rural schools. The boys did not understand what he said to them and he did not understand what they said to him. The ordinary matriculate or school final was utterly unfit to teach by the direct method. They had no sufficient teachers now and Mr. Paranjpye's proposal would be reasonable only where they were available. The Local Boards were entitled to spend their funds on primary education and he wanted them to consider whether such funds should be appropriated to English teaching.

Dewan Bahadur Godbole thought the experiment advocated by Mr. Paranjpye, had its drawbacks and he therefore did not think it wise to accept it.

Mr. Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer supported the resolution.

SIR IBRAHIM'S REPLY.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla said the desire of Government to provide additional facilities for the study of English might be judged from the fact of their having accepted Mr. Upasani's resolution. On accepting that resolution Government asked for a report from the Education Department, but before that department could make a report an educational conference was held at Simla, and Government naturally considered it wise to await the decisions of that Conference before taking action in the matter. That report was awaited. Government had not ignored Mr. Upasani's resolution which they had accepted. Government were prepared to provide all reasonable facilities for the promotion of English education in this Presidency. As to the question of putting that education on a self-supporting basis, there could be no doubt that the instruction available in that case would be of a very inferior character, and if the teachers were of an inferior calibre it would be no use the boys getting a smattering of English as they would have to pass a test before joining high schools. Government were entitled to know what would be the amount of cost in the first and subsequent years. He asked Mr. Paranjpye if he would not postpone the resolution in view of the fact that it was the intention of Government, as soon as a report from the Director of Public Instruction was received, to have an informal conference between the speaker, the Director of Public Instruction, the Secretary to the Education Department and Mr. Paranjpye, where they would try to meet the point. He asked Mr. Paranjpye also to send in a scheme.

Mr. Paranjpye accepted Sir Ibrahim's suggestion to postpone the resolution, which was accordingly postponed.

HALFYEARLY EXAMINATIONS.

Mr. Kamat moved the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends that the Governor in Council may be pleased to move the University of Bombay (1) to consider at an early date the desirability of holding all its examinations twice a year, and (2) to introduce a system of exempting candidates from re-examination in subjects in which they have once obtained the requisite number of marks."

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla informed the Council that the matter was under the consideration of the University Senate; and as the Senate rather resented interference in such matters he asked Mr. Kamat to withdraw the resolution and ask his friends in the Senate to press the question in that assembly.

H. E. the President said it was undesirable that they should interfere with the executive work of the University.

Mr. Kamat withdrew the resolution.

GRANTS FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION

Mr. Harchandrai Vishindas moved:—

"That this Council recommends to his Excellency the Governor in Council to be pleased to rule that the grant-in-aid to any district municipality for primary education shall not be less than two-thirds of its total annual expenditure on that head."

Mr. Harchandrai went through the history of the question since 1883, and gave instances of several municipalities who had to withdraw their grants to many schools under their respective jurisdiction on account of the inadequate grants received from Government. This was the most opportune time to give the two-thirds asked by the resolution, when a Bill in favour of primary education was passed and grants were made for buildings. He saw no reason why the municipalities should be treated with less generosity than the local boards. The additional cost at the proposed rate would be Rs. 17,00,000 and this was nothing in a revenue of 8½ crores.

Messrs. Desai and Patel supported the motion.

Mr. V. J. Patel said:—

Mr. Covernton opposed the resolution, which he said, proposed to grant municipalities two-thirds of the cost of primary education, whereas Government aided primary schools, which were often more in need of funds than municipalities, would receive only a grant of one-third.

GOVERNMENT'S FAIR SHARE.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtula said that in his speech in introducing the budget estimates on education he had already stated that the municipalities had a legitimate grievance as to the manner in which the contract system had worked. But Government proposed in future to remove this complaint and pay one-half contribution on the actual expenditure incurred by the municipalities on primary education in the past year. Under this altered arrangement municipalities would get ten to twenty per cent. increased contribution than under the contract system. He hoped the attitude of Government in this matter would be considered completely satisfactory. When Mr. Harchandrai asked for a two-third contribution he might as well have asked for the full cost of primary education from the provincial exchequer. He (the speaker) regretted that not one word had been said in the course of the debate as to the relative liabilities of the taxpayers and the rate-payers. Was it not a fact that primary education was the immediate need of local areas? And he asked if what was contributed from the provincial exchequer was not sufficient. Government were prepared to consider the case of each municipality on its own merits but could not lay down a limit in all cases. The municipalities should first be prepared to share the cost to a reasonable extent and then ask Government to contribute their share.

Mr. Harchandrai Vishindas welcomed with gratification the announcement of Government policy in the matter in the future and he was also glad that this very wholesome change had synchronised with Sir Ibrahim's taking over of the portfolio of education and municipalities. But he did not understand why Sir Ibrahim imagined that municipalities were not willing to undertake their share of the burden of the cost. All his arguments on this point had proceeded on an entirely wrong basis. As to the relative responsibilities of tax-payers and rate-payers, he (the speaker) said the latter were quite entitled to a fair share of money from the provincial exchequer as they contributed to it in a variety of ways. They had got an assurance from Government that the case of each municipality would be considered on its own merits but he wanted Government to commit themselves in the matter that the contribution would be two-thirds in all cases. The Local Boards were the favourite child of Government in preference to municipalities.

SYMPATHY TOWARDS MUNICIPALITIES.

H. E. the President said Government did not feel that anything justified their giving a two-third grant to municipalities. But they proposed to make an increase of ten to twenty per cent. on the actual grant to all municipalities. They proposed to make that grant upto one-half every year. It was perfectly right that Government looked upon Local Boards as a pet child. It was because that Local Boards as regarded the question of education were completely under the control of Government. But they now proposed to bring the contribution to municipalities to the extent of the ratio of that given to Local Boards. Surely municipalities should be anxious and ready to undertake their responsibilities. If Government found that any municipality had not sufficient money for purposes of education or sanitation Government would consider their request most sympathetically, but each case should be judged on its own merits.

The resolution was lost, ten members voting for it and fifteen against it.

The Council then adjourned till 11 a.m. to-day.

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ANTI-UNTOUCHABILITY CONFERENCE.

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The All-India Depressed Classes Mission Conference for the abolition of untouchability will be held to-day and to-morrow. The following is the provincial list of subjects to be discussed and resolutions to be referred:—

I. The Indian public in general:—(1) To issue a general Manifesto abolishing Untouchability of the Depressed Classes signed by most influential and representative leaders of thought and action in every province. (2) To allow free access to them to all institutions such as schools, dispensaries, courts of justice &c. conducted for common benefit and at public expense. (3) To allow them free and unrestricted access to public places such as wells, springs, reservoirs, Municipal stand pipes, burning ghats, bathing ghats, places of business, amusements and worship &c. &c.

II. Philanthropic Hindu Bodies or Missions:—(1) to work out schemes of agricultural and industrial colonisation. (2) to bring about occasions where all classes may mix freely. (3) to start special propagandistic newspapers for them. (4) to institute a special Depressed Classes Day to be observed all over the country on which the public Manifesto be formally read along with the edicts of the Jagadgurus by the Ex-Presidents of the Indian National Congress residing in the respective provinces, and corresponding lectures be delivered by eminent workers in the field of social service.

III. Heads of Hindu Religious Organisations.—(1) Edicts to abrogate Untouchability in India. (2) Missionaries to preach Hinduism and to keep them loyal to it. (3) To organise an Alliance Hindu Mission representing and co-ordinating all sects as far as possible. (4) To reclaim converts to other religions from Hinduism. (5) Better interpretation of the Hindu Shastras. (6) To grant privileges to the Depressed Classes for observing the same religious rites and ceremonies as obtain among the higher classes.

HELP OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

IV. The Indian National Congress and its Provincial Committees.—To secure active interest, co-operation and loyalty of the depressed classes, (a) by electing their delegates from different provinces and exempting them from delegate's fees; (b) even offering free passage and hospitality to select leaders of the Depressed Classes of different provinces; (c) appointing Missionaries for the Congress propaganda among them; (d) securing communal representation in Councils, Municipalities &c.

V. The Indian States.—(1) to secure their co-operation both in their own dominions and outside. (2) to adopt the same measures,—social, economic, educational, religious and political—for the benefit of the Depressed Classes as obtain in British India.

VI. Great Industrial Organisations in India.—(1) to secure their co-operation in opening equal opportunities for wages and careers to the Depressed Classes. (2) contribution to the resources of educational, social and religious Mission to the Depressed Classes (3) to make it imperative on these organisations to provide for Co-operative Credit Societies, Provident Funds, housing and education of their employees.

VII. Important Depressed Class Communities.—That they should co-operate with their sympathisers among the higher classes: (a) by organising their own conferences, and (b) conducting their own reform association.

VIII. Local Bodies (Municipalities, Local Boards, &c.—(1) care-taking of municipal employees in matters of education, sanitation, economic and moral well-being especially of the Depressed Classes. (2) extension of municipal jurisdiction to the depressed class localities. (3) no municipal taxes on the Depressed Classes unless accompanied by corresponding services to their localities. (4) the Depressed Classes to return their own representatives on municipal boards.

WANTED AN INQUIRY.

IX. The Government of India and the British Parliament.—(1) Enquiry. That a special Royal Commission be sought, with not less than half its members being Hindus and not less than three-fourths being Indians, to enquire into the following topics:—(a) how to open public services to the Depressed Classes; (b) facilitate special education; (c) and to safeguard them against bad sanitation, and criminal propensities or such other effects of habitual neglect; (d) disadvantages about village *Vatans* and proper redistribution of village services pertaining thereto, in proportion to the actual benefits accruing from these *Vatans*; (e) grievances regarding lands on which depressed class localities are situated with or without the rights of prescription; (f) how far depressed class localities could be brought within working limits of the jurisdiction of Municipalities and Local Boards?; (g) if new tracts of disforested land be secured for colonisation?; (h) condition of virtual serfdom of Pariahs in South India. (2) Legislature. That adequate communal representation be secured both in councils and local self-governments. (3) Judicature. Where legislation fails to secure redress in such cases as free access to public institutions, &c. High Courts be approached by means of test cases. (4) Executive (a) more accurate census record of the depressed classes both Imperial and Provincial; (b) more efficacious educational facilities; (c) equal opportunities to public service; (d) liberal grants-in-aid to the Depressed Classes Mission / Society of India: (e) joint periodical conference of representatives both from Government, this Mission and other similar bodies; (f) special steps for introducing Co-operative Credit Societies, &c.

X. The Universities in India.—(1) to invite authoritatives essays by recognized scholars onthe origin and development of Untouchability in India. (2) to invite prize essays by fresh graduates so as to provoke thought in them on this problem and to inspire them to social work. (3 to constitute a them to social work. (3) to constitute a committee of experienced men to promote the spread of literature on this problem as well as to induce zeal for Social Service among the undergraduates.

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GUZRAT NOTES.

(From a correspondent.)

Mar. 20.

Out Welbying Welby.

It will be no small consolation to Mr. Welby of the "Madras Mail" that he has a fellow-worker in the Editor of "The Political Bhomio" of Ahmedabad, who is venting his spleen every Friday. The attitude of the "Madras Mail" towards the growth of national consciousness in India is excusable enough, as it touches the vested interests of which it is the mouthpiece, but that a native of India should vilify his own kith and kin, is beyond characterisation. While regretting the squalid poverty of India, the Ahmedabad weekly falls foul of Home Rulers in a manner calculated to make the angels weep. According to this censor of his age, Home Rulers do not know what they are about and use the term Home Rule in a sense quite different from the acceptation in vogue in 1907-08. He confesses to his inability to see eye-to-eye with Home Rulers, who regard it as the one thing needful for India—as the *sine qua non* of progress in all directions. Finally, he does not credit Home Rulers with clarity of thought, points out to Mr. Arandale where his error lies and bamboozles Lord Sydenham as a political prophet—all these heroics are performed in a single issue! We pity the editor and deplore the melancholy fact that this go-a-head Presidency has a journal conducted on the discredited principles of "Justice" of Madras.

The Passing Away of a Journalist.

I regret to announce the death of Mr Revashankar Jagjivan Pandit which occurred at a village near Wadhwan The deceased started the "Kathiawar Samachar" in 1904 and conducted it with conspicuous ability for ten years. Mr. Pandit began his career as a teacher, but soon afterwards abandoned this neglected and maligned profession in order to take up the duties of an itinerant lecturer on religious and humanitarian subjects. He acquired considerable proficiency in hypnotism and mesmerism and it was a pleasure to witness his marvellous performances. Mr. Pandit had an inkling of Yoga philosophy and possessed more than a nodding acquaintance with astrology. Finally, he made himself responsible for nine works on different subjects, and we must say, in fairness to the deceased, that some three of his books will not perish with him.

Liquor-shops in Ahmedabad.

A writer in the "Kaiser-i-Hind" of Bombay protests against the new system of auctioning licenses for liquor shops as it savours of monopoly. He points out that out of eighteen shops in Ahmedabad as many as fifteen are controlled by one man, who holds a similar monopoly of liquor shops in Baroda. The vendors who were dealing in liquor for years past are, by the operation of the new system, quietly unharnessed and sent loose to graze, to quote an expressive mannerism of a well-known historian. The Government which used to realise Rs. 50,000 under the old system stands to gain a promising return under the new, viz., Rs. 4,92,400. Another evil in prospect is the certain rise in prices, even to the extent of three rupees a gallon, for the simple reason that the prices are no longer fixed as in the old regime, the vendor being at perfect liberty to fix any price between the scheduled maximum and minimum. The mischief will spread throughout the Presidency unless the Government devises some means to safeguard the interests of the consumers already hit hard by an all-round increase in the prices of necessaries of life.

An Antediluvian Custom.

The Hindu society is honeycombed with a number of social evils, not the least glaring of which is the custom of giving expensive caste-dinners. Even when a man's means are slender he is compelled by the "tyranny of the next-door neighbour" to mortgage his property, if need be, in order that his caste-fellows may be fêted. A most melancholy instance has just been furnished by the Khatri community of Surat. In celebrating the anniversary of a man who was working as a pujari in a local sanctuary, as many as seven thousand rupees were spent in a caste-dinner at which eighty maunds of ghee and one hundred and seventy-five maunds of milk were consumed. To say the least, such dinners are reckless at a time when India is faced with short commons if her teeming millions do not conserve their resources in food-grains. We do hope that Guzarat which claims to be the home of social reform will not in future set such an evil example to less advanced provinces.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL TRESPASS.

SIUT AGAINST A KARACHI MERCHANT

(From our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Mar. 21.

The addiional City Magistrate, Karachi, is trying C. G. Vakil, a local Cutchi merchant and his pleader, V. T. Kothari, for criminal trespass on the complaint of the Karachi manager of Messrs. Roy Sampat and Co. It is alleged that under instructions from complainant's brother the Eastern Exchange Co., were selling by auction on Sunday goods belonging to Messrs. Roy Sampat when both the accused raided the premises and distributed handbills there and also inserted a notice in newspapers asking people not to buy the goods as complainant had no right to sell the goods, as the accused No. 1 had recently been appointed manager by Messrs. Roy Sampat.

A CORRECTION.

In reference to the recent Nagpur message reporting the Central Provinces Legislative Council meeting of the 13th instant, it should be noted that the announcement of the Central Provinces Government of the removal of the provision made in the budget for a Fourth Assistant Judicial Commissioner was in consequence of a report from the Judicial Commissioners' Court and not as stated in the message in question.

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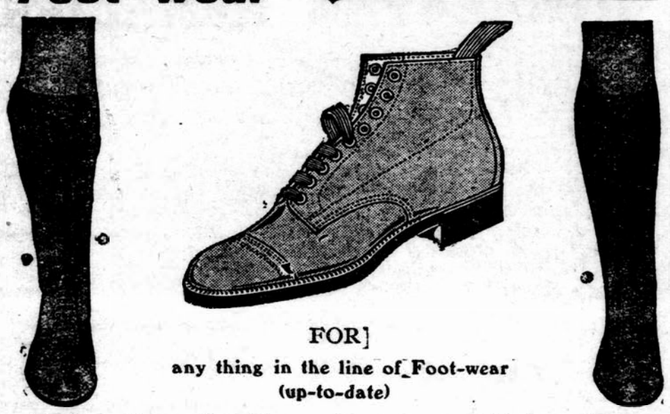

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(Associated Press.)

LAHORE, Mar. 22.

The Hon. Sir Henry Rattigan, Chief Judge, and Mr. Justice Wilberforce have passed orders in the revision petition filed by Khwaja Ahad Shah, keeper of the "Observer" Press, against the order of Mr. Jacob, Officiating Deputy Commissioner, Lahore, refusing to authenticate the latter's declaration as printer of the press and directing the printer to furnish security under Act 1 of 1910, the ground for the order being that Ahad Shah lived at Ludhiana and knew nothing of printing or English, in which language the "Observer" newspaper was printed.

Ahad Shah's counsel contended that the Deputy Commissioner had no business to refuse to authenticate the latter's declaration as printer, and to direct the printer to furnish security in as much as under section 3 of Act 1 of 1910, a keeper of the press if he became printer was not required to deposit security and that the function being a judicial one was open to revision by the Chief Court.

The Government Advocate argued that the act of authentication was an executive administerial one, and therefore the order refusing authentication was not subject to the revisional jurisdiction of the Chief Court.

Their lordships in their judgment held that there was no authority for the proposition that the function of the District Magistrate in respect of the authentication of a declaration under Act 15 of 1867 was judicial, and consequently the Chief Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the revision, which was accordingly dismissed.

WHO MADE THE WAR?

GERMANY BROUGHT TO BOOK BY U. S. A.

Some extremely interesting comments appear in the New York journal, "The Nation" regarding the recent publication of secret documents by the Bolsheviks.

It says that the publication by the Bolshevik Acting Government in Petrograd of letters and proposed treaties, found in the archives of the Russian Foreign Office has been denounced as the blackest of treasonable crimes.

It is hardly that, adds "The Nation." Whatever the motive, the act scarcely goes, in impropriety, beyond the giving out by the Russian Provisional Government last summer of the correspondence between the Czar and the Kaiser. The intent, in either case, was to discredit a previous *régime*. On the diplomatic side of the affair, fairminded opinion will still be cautious. That the Czar was weak and vacillating made the situation extremely difficult for both his Foreign Secretary and his General Staff. Left to himself, or swayed by the hidden influences which we now know to have been long playing upon him, there was no telling what Nicholas would do. And there are many indications that, in those days of July, 1914, the German Government was deliberately playing a game with Petrograd, as Bismarck played with Paris in 1870. That is to say, in both instances, the effort was made to betray the other side into a false step which would at once precipitate war, and, at the sametime, appear to make Germany not the aggressor. For example, the Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger" came out on the critical day with a flaming announcement that the German army had been mobilised complete. This was at once telegraphed to Petrograd by the Russian Ambassador in Berlin. But presently the German Government issued an official *dememii* and suppressed the edition of the "Lokal Anzeiger." But the mischief had been done. Russian moblisation was decreed and war became inevitable.

"Now, it has been argued that all this was a device deliberately adopted to make sure of war, with Russia, apparently, taking the offensive. The German military party got its longed-for war, and got it in a way to enable it to assure the German people that the war was defensive. At that Potsdam Conference, held a month before the war broke out. At this it was resolved time, no one outside Germany knew of the to make use of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia in order to force "the great reckoning," as the Austrian Foreign Minister called it, with Russia and, necessarily, with France. The facts about this fatal Conference, as brought out by the Reichstag Deputy, Herr Haase, and by the American Ambassador at Constantinople, Mr. Morgenthau, and others, have thrown a lurid light forward upon the subsequent negotiations.

It is now as well established as anything can be that the German Government had at least determined to press on in a position, and with measures, that almost surely meant a European war, and was doing it in a spirit of "damn the consequences." Some people forget conveniently, how great was the distrust of the war clique in Germany shown by the German people.

In Berlin alone, on the 29th July, 1914, more than a score of mass meetings were held to protest against the proposed war. At one of these meetings there were said to be present 70,000 men. And on the same day "Vorwaerts" declared that "the camarilla of war-lords is working with absolutely unscrupulous means to carry out their fearful designs to precipitate an international war." Even after the decision had been virtually made "Vorwaerts" asserted that the policy of the German Government throughout had been "utterly without conscience."

These things, concludes "The Nation," must not be allowed to drop from memory when it is sought, by the uncovering of Russian secrets, to raise doubts concerning the German Government's decision to go into a war which could have prevented by the turning over of its hand.

LETHAL CHAMBER FOR LIES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION.

The Department of Information is situated on the second floor of the Foreign Office and elsewhere, and to judge by a map of the world indicating its branches in red, its outposts are everywhere from Iceland to Oceania and form Manchuria westeward to San Francisco says the "Daily Express." The director of the Department of Information is Colonel John Buchan. He has left off writing fiction and is engaged in killing fiction.

German lies sown throughout the United States Turkish lies sown in Syria, Palestine, and Asia Minor and the borders of Persia, Austrian lies, full of Potsdam flavour sown in Northern Italy, Oriental lies sown in the bazaars of India, all sorts of lies that look like truth sown in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America—all these the Department of Information is seeking to kill.

While I was in there a day or two ago they were sending out beautifully printed and illustrated magazines, with the articles in the languages of the peoples for whom they were intended and pictures with messages that know no frontiers. They were sending out articles, paragraphs, photographs, maps, messages, cinemas, women, and men. They sent out Sir F. E. Smith. They are sending out Miss Annie Swan, the novelist, and Miss Violet Markham to speak to the American people.

I picked up a broad, beautifully illustrated magazine, and found it was all photographs embedded in Arabic text. The title of the magazine looked like glorified shorthand mixed up with half-a-dozen clean-bowled wickets. In the middle, right across two pages, was a superb photograph of Jerusalem. This was one of "Our Special Palestine Editions."

Close by was a stack of magazines. They were all the same, save that the language in each case was different—one for Spain, some for Scandinavia, and so on, in a dozen languages.

MILLIONS A MONTH.

In addition, a constant stream of information is flowing from the department into all sorts of daily, weekly, and monthly local newspapers in all sorts of towns all over the world. About 700,000 copies of the "War Pictorial" have been sent out. Over a million copies of certain pamphlets of truth have been printed abroad under the influence of the department to save the strain on paper here and to minimise carriage.

Great stacks of appeals to German workmen have been placed under the noses of German workmen by means which will make a fascinating story—when the war is over. Every month the despatch of publications from the Department of Information exceeds four millions. Six Oriental papers printed in the native languages are sent out. They counteract among Mahomedans the German lie that Britain wants to crush their religion.

There is a constant cabling and wireless service all over the world. They send out about one and a half million words that are flashed over and under the seas every month. British officers are now on their way to Russia with ten complete cinema outfits to show the truth in that vast country, where the people have been the victims of so many lying tongues.

What is the purpose of it all? To refute German lies and aid in winning the war. That, however, is only a part of it. The War Cabinet, through its Department of Information, is showing long vision. It has set up machinery of truth which it is hoped will have a good effect all over the world when this war, long and terrible as it is, has become but an incident in the story of freedom.

ITALY'S AIMS.

DANGEROUS ADRIATIC AMBITIONS.

Ever since Mr. Lloyd George made his carefully balanced statement of the war aims of Great Britain a section of the Italian Press, has been complaining that he had said too little about the claims of Italy. This complaint is so persistent, and apparently represents so large a volume of Italian opinion, that it is desirable to analyse it. The particular point upon which the Italian critics of British policy have fastened is Mr. Lloyd George's declaration that Great Britain has no desire to break up the Austrian Empire. The Italians reply that unless Austria is broken up Italy's claims cannot be satisfied. What, then, are those claims? So far as they relate to the recovery from Austria of territory occupied by Italians, Mr. Lloyd George was emphatic is support of the Italian claim. Both here and in France the claim of Italy to recover the Trentino and Trieste is fully and cordially recognised. But some Italians also claim for their country practically the whole of the eastern shore of the Adriatic, although the large majority of the inhabitants of that region are of Slavonic race. This is a totally different proposition, and it is for the Italians themselves to consider how far they are justified in pressing such a claim in view of the changed situation brought about by the defection of Russia. The point which the Italian expansionists seem to overlook is that their claim to the Eastern Adriatic runs directly counter to their desire to break up the Austrian Empire, because it throws the Southern Slavs on the side of Austria. It is more than probable that if the Italians could come to a friendly agreement with the Yugo-Slavs the latter would throw their weight on the side of the Entente. What was left of the Austrian Empire would then cease to be a danger to Italy. But it is difficult to see how the Italians are to secure the more important of the objects for which they entered the war if they insist on antagonising both the Austrians and the Yugo-Slavs.—"The Daily Graphic."

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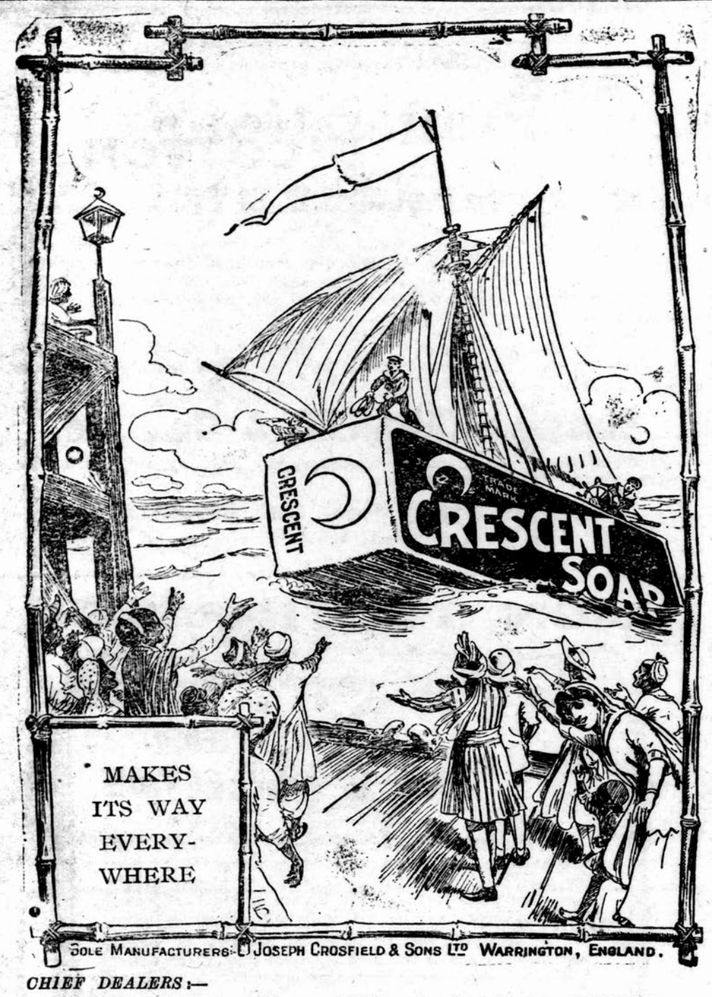

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PLAGUE AND SUPERSTITION IN KATHIAWAR.

AN APPEAL TO THE SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Your readers know what havoc plague has been making with human life in Gujarat and Kathiawar, not to speak of India in general. This year's epidemic is unprecedented in virulence and extent. Hardly a village has escaped from this terrible visitation. Sad as this is, sadder still is the ignorance and superstition that prevails among the masses in Kathiawar as regards the origin and spread of the disease. Your readers would hardly imagine that villagers in Kathiawar attribute this disease to the black magic practised by the "Bhangis" or the Sweeper caste. They are credited with the power of controlling by means of some mystic ceremonies, one of the "Yognis," who at their instance, starts or quells epidemics like plague and cholera. This is not a mere theoretical explanation of the disease but is a practical belief and is made the basis of the so-called "preventive-measures" which the villagers adopt against plague. When it seems to be approaching their village, it is not unusual for the villagers to open negotiations with their "Bhangis" for securing the immunity of the place. They are promised a sum of money, or grain or sweets to use their influence with the "powers" that bring about the epidemic. This year even the Mahajans of Wadhwan City are said to have resorted to this measure and were about to fulfil their part of the contract, when unluckily for the Bhangis, plague broke out beyond hope of prevention. One need not, however, wonder if another Mahajan or even that very same Mahajan on another occasion, should again seek for the good offices of the "Bhangis" to ward off plague or, for the matter of that, cholera or any other epidemic; so deep-rooted apparently is this silly and mischievous belief.

But besides giving rise to such somewhat humorous dealings, this superstition is responsible for very grave crimes in the rural areas. In villages inhabited by Rajputs or Kolies, they do not rest with mere peaceful and fair bargains with the Bhangis. As soon as plague or cholera makes its appearance they call their Bhangis to account; and times over again in the past and present epidemic serious crimes have been committed on the Bhangis by infuriated mobs or individuals, who believe them to be the originators of the disease. The Bhangis themselves are not free from reponsibility for such violence against them. They themselves encourage the belief and are observed to perform some mystic rites, evidently to impress the people with their so-called powers; for by so working upon the fears and ignorance of the people they very often succeed in making money by pretending to prevent or cure in individual cases or in the case of a whole village. But as I mentioned above, at times they have to pay dearly for this pretence. Even this year four most foul and cruel murders have been committed in a village called Bhagirathi under Muli State. It is said that a Koli boy in a neighbouring village was attacked with plague and so a Bhangi from the village of Bhagirathi was sent for to save him. The man, however, delayed, perhaps because he was not satisfied with the reward offered for his services. In the meanwhile the boy succumbed and, it is alleged that, the infuriated father in company with others went straight to the Bhangi's house at night and in cold blood butchered two women and two children and wounded the man who was out in a procession that night. This is perhaps the most shocking tragedy that has occured this time in connection with this superstition, though cases of grievous hurt and affray also have been reported to have taken place in the villages of Nagnesh and Danawada not far from the Wadhwan civil station. But this is not all. I am sure if an attempt were made to collect all such cases of crimes due to this superstition in the whole of Kathiawar, the list would be startling. Indeed, the local papers would be rendering a useful public service if they made it a point to bring to light all such acts of violence committed during an epidemic.

I have attempted to place the above facts before your readers with the object of enlisting the sympathy of some "Social Service League" workers to extend their benevolent activities to this part of the country, and try to remove this most absurd and mischievous belief. It is not too much to expect that the Darbars and Agency authorities would heartily co-operate and help them in this noble work. If the people could once be convinced that plague, cholera and other epidemics are due to natural causes and are preventible only by adequate sanitary and other measures, I think a great step forward will have been taken in banishing this grim monster from this hapless land in which it has come to stay to spread misery and ruin all round.—Yours, etc.,

M. C. P.

Wadhwan Camp.

THE S. S. ABYDOS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—With reference to the telegram dated London the 13th instant published in your issue of the 18th instant stating in effect that in the House of Commons Mr. Fisher in reply to Mr. King stated that the Government of India had been asked to report as to the cost of fitting up the P. and O. Steamer Abydos etc., we have to request you kindly to publish the fact that the said vessel was never owned by the P. and O. S. N. Co., and that we have owned the vessel since March, 1915; and also at the time of her having been sent to Basra as his Majesty's Floating Workshop the vessel belonged to us.—Yours, etc.

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SOME FAMOUS CENTENARIANS.

"OLD, OLD, VERY OLD MAN" AND OLDER.

It seems, says the "Field," that the quaint little timber and plaster cottage in Shropshire which was in the fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries, the home of the famous centenarian "Old Parr" is at last to be taken down. It is a spot not difficult to reach on foot from the Shrewsbury and Welshpool-road, near the village dignified by the name of Middletown. You cross the railway at Middletown Station, and footing it over a plank bridge spanning a stream, climb a steep and rugged rise by more than half a hundred steps, and thus come to a farmhouse on a wild and lofty upland. Beyond this in another two or three minutes walk, is "The Glyn," where the cottage itself stands lonely, overhung by trees. The cottage itself is authentically enough to the place where the old man was born and lived and is famous in the Shrewsbury district. Restored in 1914 and converted into a show-place by an enterprising person, who not only made it a kind of rural tea-house for country ramblers from Shrewsbury, thirteen miles away, but also filled the three-roomed cottage with a quaint assemblage of old English curios, all for sale, it was a pleasant enough excuse for a half-day's ramble. And then came the war; and ramblers and country tea parties grew ever more scarce so that the enterprise would appear to have become something of a forlorn hope. It is a pity that in the course of the restoration of an old cottage genuinely associated with the famous centenarian, so much of the showman element hould have been introduced, together with things themselves authentically old but by no means connected with Parr. Thus there is in the little garden, much neglected of late an old sundial with the date, 1676, and the motto, "Time Passeth," etc., on it which certainly where not there until recent years while a very quaint oak beam, dated 1676 and bearing the texts "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth;" "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life"; and "Thy way O Lord and lead me in a plain path," was brought in 1914 from an old cottage then being demolished in Middletown and built in here into the inglenook in the living-room. Thus are really genuine antiquities given new home and a spurious look.

Thomas Parr is stated to have been born 1483, and to have lived in the reigns of ten kings and queens of England, dying in London in 1635, aged 152 years, nine months and some odd days. John Taylor, the Water Poet," who made anything and everything the excuse for a chap-book or pamphlet wrote and published a set of verses on the "Old, old, very Old Man;" and brass tablet commemorating him is on the all of the neighbouring rebuilt and uninteresting church of Wollaston. The legend of "Old Parr's" extreme age has of course been attacked many times; but his contemporaries seem to have had no doubts about it; and we are told circumstantially how he married for the first time in 1163, when aged eighty and how in 1588, when 105 years of age, he was made to perform penance in Aberbury church for an offence *contra bones mores*. In 1595 his wife died and in 1605, aged 122, he married again. The direct cause of his death was gallivanting up to London, where he was invited, to be displayed to Charles the Second, as a wonder of the go. The excitement of going to London for the first time and the pleasures of the town cut him off, on the 14th November, 1635. He lies in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey.

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But although as a centenarian the most famous of all, Old Parr, according to legend was not the longest-lived. This champion of longevity was one Henry Jenkins, who died in 1670 at Ellerton, near Richmond, Yorkshire, age (according to the oblisk to his memory erected in 1743) 169.

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SIMLA, Mar. 21.

Numerous thunderstorms and dust storms occurred in northern India and have given local rain in Assam, United Provinces and Kashmir, with a few falls in Bengal and Central Provinces. The chief amounts are:—Silchar three inches; Burdwan, Mymensingh and Roorkee a half; Lucknow, Bareilly and Jubbulpore a quarter. Conditions are again unsettled in North-West India.

Forcast:—Decrease of rain in the United Provinces, Assam, extension into north Burma.

TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY COLABA.

Bombay, 21st Mar. 1918.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.:

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fahr.	29.767 inches
Temperature of Air	81.2 Deg.
Wet Bulb Thermometer	72.0 "
Dew Point	69.3 "
Relative humidity of Air	0.675 "
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy—10)	0 8 N
Maximum temperature of Air	86 9 "
Minimum do.	76.2 "
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	WNW, NW, WNW.
Movement of Wind do. do.	165 Miles.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean Time depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time	Depth on Still.	Day of Month	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time.	Depth on Still
	Mar.	h. m.	ft. in.	Mar.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	22	m 7 56	23 6	22	m 2 31	20 3
		9 8a	25 10		2 2a	19 1
Sat.	23	m 9 2	24 4	23	m 3 19	19 5
		9 42a	26 3		3 58a	18 9
Sun.	24	m 9 40	25 2	24	m 3 55	18 8
		10 14a	26 8		4 42a	18 5
Mon.	25	m 10 26	26 0	25	m 4 24	17 11
		10 42a	26 11		4 18a	18 0
Tues.	26	m 10 58	26 8	26	m 4 49	17 3
		11 8a	27 2		4 49a	17 9
Wed.	27	m 11 29	27 2	27	m 5 12	16 7
		11 34a	27 4		5 18a	17 6
Thur.	28	m 11 59	27 6	28	m 5 36	16 1
		11 58a	27 4		5 47a	17 6

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset, according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

Mar.		Sunrise.	Sunset.
22	(Friday)	m 6h 41m	m 6h 50m.
23	(Saturday)	m 6h 40m	m 6h 51m.
24	(Sunday)	m 6h 39m	m 6h 51m
25	(Monday)	m 6h 39m	m 6h 51m
26	(Tuesday)	m 6h 38m	m 6h 51m
27	(Wednesday)	m 6h 37m	m 6h 51m
28	(Thursday)	m 6h 37m	m 6h 52m

Phases of the Moon:—

		d.	h.	m.	
Last Quarter	Mar. 1918	6	6	13	6 a.m.
New Moon	"	13	1	22	4 a.m.
First Quarter	"	19	7	0	4 p.m.
Full Moon	"	27	9	2	8 p.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Friday, the 22nd March 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Nearly general rain has fallen in the Punjab; Rawalpindi reports 0.62in., Lahore 0.42in., Multan, 0.30 in. and Delhi 0.26in. Skies are heavily clouded except in the extreme south-east. Humidity is considerably above normal. Day temperature is in moderate to considerable defect; night temperature is also below the average in the west Punjab.

The United Provinces.—Nearly general rain has fallen in the west; Agra reports 0.16in and Mainpuri 0.14in. Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is above normal. Day temperature is in slight to moderate defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Bikaner reports 0.15in. of rain. Skies are clear except in lower Sind where light cloud is present. Humidity is below normal in Sind and above it in west Rajputana. Day temperature continues below normal throughout; night temperature is below the average in the north of the division.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Duststorms are reported from the north of the division. Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The air continues much damper than usual except in the west of Kathiawar. Day temperature is below normal at most stations.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is slightly above normal in the western districts. Day temperature is locally below the average.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is above normal except in north-east Hyderabad. Day temperature is locally below normal in the Bombay Deccan; night temperature is also in defect at a few stations.

General Remarks.—Rainfall has been nearly general in the Punjab, the west of the United Provinces and north-west Rajputana. A well marked depression is shown to-day over the Punjab and north Rajputana. Thunderstorms are again reported from south Malabar and 0.38in. of rain fell at Cochin.

Rainfall is likely to continue in the Punjab and to increase in Rajputana and the United Provinces. Thunderstorms may occur in Malabar, the Madras Deccan, and possibly also in the Bombay Deccan.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN at 8 a.m. on FRIDAY, the 22nd of March, 1918.

STATIONS.	Temp. in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temp. in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity. 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours	Rainfall. Total 1st Nov. to date.	Departure 1st Nov. to date.
PERSIAN GULF—						
Bushire	86.1	67.6	65	..	5.19	—5.03
Do. (21st Mar.)	78.4	61.3	47	..	5.59	+2.70
Jask	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do. (Mar.)	..	..	..	..	..	..
Muskat	84.2	75.9	55	..	0.29	—8 14
Do. (21st Mar.)						
PUNJAB—	76.0	54.7	23	0.20	1.16	—0.32
Multan	68.8	48.7	21	0.62	0.59	+3.02
Rawalpindi	76.8	56.7	38	0.42	1.69	—1.45
Lahore	83.4	59.0	26	0.09	0.99	..
Hissar	83.7	59.2	27	0 12	1 90	—8.31
Ambala	83.2	59.0	23	0.26	0.97	—1.76
Delhi						
UNITED PROVINCES—	86.5	60.6	27	0 16	1.12	—0.33
Agra	88.6	61.9	21	0.14	0.71	—1.39
Mainpuri	89.8	57.5	18	..	0.57	—1.44
Jhansi	89 0	61.1	27	0.01	0.61	—1.37
Cawnpore	89.1	66.7	57	—	0.39	—1.71
Allahabad						
SIND AND RAJPUTANA	86.5	56.0	23	..	0.62	—0 47
Jacobabad	79.9	57.0	27	..	1 54	+0.11
Karachi	82.4	64.2	40	..	0.25	—1.03
Ajmer	85.2	60.2	36	0.02	0.31	—1.13
Jaipore	91.2	57.6	12	..	0.10	—0.76
Kotah	?	?	?	..	0.12	—1.03
Mount Abu						
GUJARAT KATHIAWAR AND CENTRAL INDIA						
WEST—	87.6	69.3	61	..	0.15	—.630
Bhuj	83.5	74.4	62	..	0.01	—0.67
Dwarka	81.9	74.8	73	..	0	—0.46
Veraval	91.8	65.0	48	..	0	—0.49
Rajkot	86.6	68.6	32	..	0	—0.55
Bhavnagar Para	93.3	70.2	70	..	0	—0.34
Surat	91.7	67.6	61	..	0	—0.39
Ahmedabad	92.3	65.4	61	..	0	—0.51
Deesa	87.1	62.6	57	..	0.06	—0.73
Neemuch	89.6	67.5	31	..	0.21	—0.69
Indore						
CENTRAL PROVINCES—	89.1	62.3	50	..	1.29	—1.20
Jubbulpore	88.8	65.8	45	..	0.14	—2.0
Sangor	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hoshangabad	99.4	71.2	43	..	0.04	—1.06
Khandwa	97.2	69.3	47	..	0.27	—1.69
Akola	95.8	67.3	27	..	0.14	—1.81
Amraoti	96.6	70.0	29	..	0.37	—2.03
Nagpur	98.7	69.8	31	..	0.37	—2.16
Chanda	96.5	75.6	49	..	0.96	—1.08
Raipur						
KONKAN—	86.9	76.9	74	..	1.35	+0.77
Bombay	86.9	73 7	66	..	0.99	+0.28
Ratnagiri	86.2	75 1	78	..	5.95	+4.76
Marmugao	88.9	75.0	79	..	1.10	—0.83
Karwar						
BOMBAY DECCAN AND HYDERABAD—	94.9	66.0	55	..	1.61	+0.74
Malegaon	93.8	58.8	57	..	3.13	+1.76
Ahmednagar	90.0	68.8	64	..	5.91	+2.77
Poona	97.2	69.9	49	..	0.67	—1.00
Sholapur	95.5	67.4	58	..	1.16	—0.27
Bijapur	91.8	61.7	86	..	5.70	+3.68
Belgaum	94.4	64.0	60	..	0.41	—0.67
Aurangabad	101.1	67.7	30	..	0 14	—1.68
Nizamabad (Indur)	98.9	71.7	72	..	2.29	+0 20
Hyderabad						
MALABAR AND CEYLON	90.5	75.0	74	..	2.41	—1.08
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Cochin	88.4	74.4	95	—	20.82	—5 50
Colombo						
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Masulipatam	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	100 7	78.8	76	0.03	5 12	+0.83
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Madras	92.3	67.8	76	—	2.71	—1.42
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Coimbatore	100.1	74.6	71	..	2.32	—0.80
Trichinopoly	87.7	78.3	77	..	37.86	+8.43
Negapatam						

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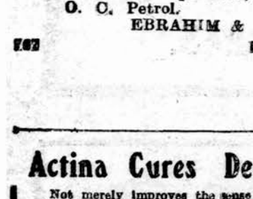
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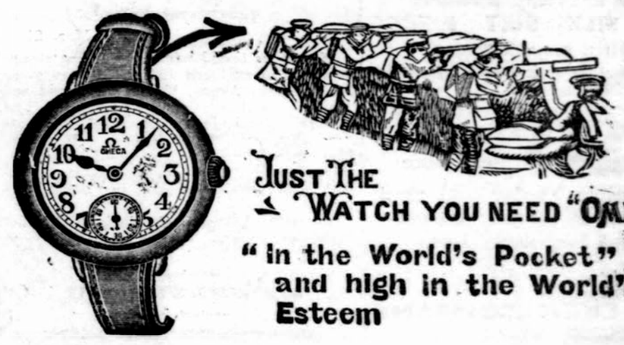
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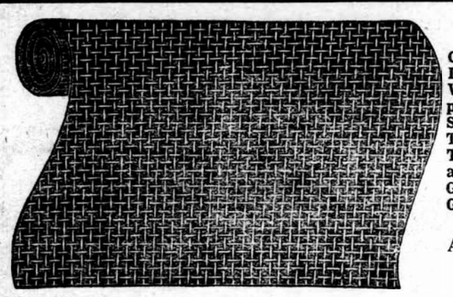

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Second-Lieut W H Aslin, West Surreys.
Second-Lieut E E Beare, Devone.
Captain J F Carroll, Medicals.
Captain C Deakin, Lancasters.
Second-Lieut W Evans, Coldstreams.
Second-Lieut L J Gardner, West Surreys.
Captain A P Gordon-Cumming, Camerons.
Second-Lieut L S Hutton, East Surreys.
Second-Lieut J G E Holloway, Labour Corps.
Second-Lieut R A Jones, Royal Scots.
Brigadier-General G C Kemp,
Major Sir J V E Less, Bart, Kings Royal Rifles.
Second-Lieut H J Palmer, Garrison Artillery.
Captain A C L Parry, Lancasters.
Second-Lieut E J Rundle, Gloucesters.
Lieut H D Sinclair, Irish Rifles.
Second-Lieut J Stewart, Engineers.
Lieut T L Taylor, Engineers.
Major W C Willson, Leicesters.

PREVIOUSLY MISSING NOW PRISONERS.

Lieut E G Green, Engineers.
Lieut K M Rodger, Argyll and Sutherlands.
Lieut W Ross, Welsh Fusiliers.
Second-Lieut F D C Gore, Flying Corps.

PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED NOW NOT WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut W J Riordan, Dublins.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

KILLED.

Second-Lieut F W Ellis, Londons.
Second-Lieut W F Hargreaves, Flying Corps.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Second-Lieut L N Gaskell, Flying Corps.
Lieut T S Reay, Cornwalls.

DIED.

Lieut A Mcleod, Engineers.
Second-Lieut A T Mason, Labour Corps.
Second-Lieut E Varley, Labour Corps.

WOUNDED.

Lieut W E Adam, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut O B Andrews, Shropshires.
Second-Lieut R J Bassett, Engineers.
Second-Lieut W P Le Clayton, West Yorkshires.
Captain T S Gibson, Argyll and Sutherlands.
Lieut H S Havelock, Royal Fusiliers.
Captain G W Ideson, Cheshires.
Lieut J T Martin, Yeomanry.
Major C H Mortimer, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut J G Rowland, Field Artillery.
Lieut P Wright, Cheshires.

The following prisoner from Germany is reported as having passed through Switzerland en route for England:—
Lieut W Reid, Liverpools.

NAVAL CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Mar. 18.

NAVAL DIVISION.

KILLED.

Temporary Second-Lieut J A Holloway, teer Reserve.

WOUNDED.

Temporary Sub-Lieut J A Holloway, Marine Lights.

LONDON, Mar. 11.

KILLED.

Second-Lieut H Carter, Labour Corps.
Lieut W K Good, Royal Scots.
Lieut E A Griffiths, South Wales Borderers.
Second-Lieut E J Priffiths, Labour Corps.
Second-Lieut K Latimer, North Staffords.
Second-Lieut N F Purser, Flying Corps.
Lieut H Serginson, Northumberlands.
Capt I Ure, Argyll and Sutherlands.
Second-Lieut G A M Webster, South Lancashires.
Second-Lieut H J T Winter, Flying Corps.
Second-Lieut C Witt, King's Royal Rifles.

WOUNDED.

Lieut J A G Bishop, Royal Scots.
Lieut J Burton, North Staffords.
Second-Lieut N J D Duncan, Gordons.
Second-Lieut C F Ellicott, Dorsets.
Second-Lieut J Flinton, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Second-Lieut E Greasley, Liverpools.
Second-Lieut T R Haddon, Sussex.
Lieut S E Hollins, Manchesters.
Second-Lieut R C Page, Sussex.
Second-Lieut R Perry, King's Royal Rifles.
Second-Lieut J E E Roylands-Chanter, South Staffords.
Second-Lieut T Sanderson, South Lancashires.
Lieut D S Stiven, Royal Scots.
Second-Lieut S Surkit, Manchesters.
Second-Lieut W E Toyne Dorsets.
Lieut J H Walker, Royal Scots.
Lieut-Colonel H W M Watson, King's Royal Rifles.
Second-Lieut R J Webb, Machine Gun Corps.
Lieut L A Westwater, Royal Scots.
Second-Lieut T Workman, Engineers.

MISSING.

Lieut M W Dickens, Flying Corps.
Second-Lieut E O Krohn, Flying Corps.

LONDON, Mar. 12.

KILLED.

Second-Lieut W Brown, Munsters.
Second-Lieut G D Howells, Monmouths.
Second-Lieut M H Orcutt, Flying Corps.

PREVIOUSLY MISSING BELIEVED KILLED NOW KILLED.

Lieut H Pakeman, Hampshires.

PREVIOUSLY MISSING NOW KILLED.

Lieut W J Potts, Field Artillery.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Second-Lieut H G Shapland, Field Artillery.

WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut H A Aitken, Gordons.
Second-Lieut S Banks, South Staffords.
SecondlLieut R A Bassham, Londons.
Second-Lieut R J Cocksedge, Norfolks.
Lieut A E Dempster, East Surreys.
Second-Lieut W S Herbert, Shropshires.
Second-Lieut E J Hinchcliffe, Bedfords.
Second-Lieut W D Hyde, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut G E McCabe, King's Royal Rifles.
Lieut W I Richards, Dorsets.
Second-Lieut A B Rorke, Engineers.
Lieut-Colonel C E P Sankey, Engineers.
Second-Lieut W H Shaw, Northamptons.
Major E C Stonehouse, Service Corps.
Second-Lieut E W Thompson, Londons.
Capt F E Whitby, Londons.
Second-Lieut W A White, Machine Gun Corps.
Second-Lieut H Williams, Bedfords.

PREVIOUSLY PRISONER NOW DIED OF WOUNDS AS PRISONER.

Capt E R Capper, Essex.

PREVIOUSLY MISSING NOW DIED AS PRISONER.

Capt J R Philpott, Flying Corps.

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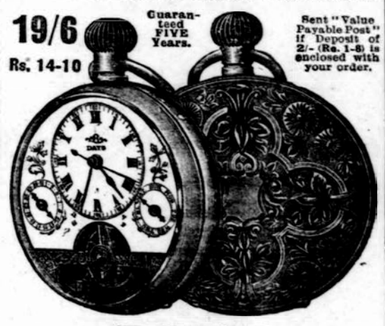

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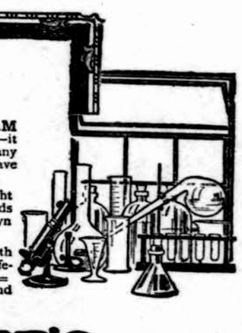

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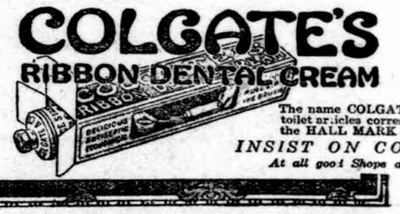

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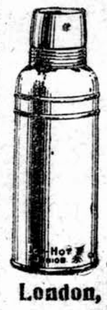

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